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## IN THE NORTH.

### PEKING MARCH ON SHANSI.

### "THREE ROUTES."

Govt Troops Supplied With Newly Purchased Arms.

### PESSIMISM IN NATIONALIST RANKS OVER HUNAN.

Units of the Peking Government are reported to be marching on points in Shansi province which were attacked before the recent lull set in. The march is announced to be in "three routes," a term very much in favour among Chinese militarists when announcing an offensive. Arms which were supposed to have been purchased abroad are being distributed among the Peking Army. One of the Generals who received 10,000 rifles is a former governor of Swatow who joined the Northerners after the 1925 debacle.

Pessimism has again set in regarding Chiang Kai-shek and the Hunanese situation, as one of the Nationalist units there is believed to be opposed to Nanking.

No development of importance is reported from Canton except the embarkation of a brigade of Papersides for the East River on an expedition against the Swabue Reds.

### CANTON QUIET.

Cables from Tientsin state that the order to attack Shansi province was given on Thursday, after which a fairly large force began moving up to the old front "in three routes." The object is to crush General Yen Hsi-shan who threw his lot with the Nationalists last year.

Arms and munitions are being distributed to Peking forces in the field. The largest allotment is of 10,000 rifles. One of these went to General Lau Chee-luk, a former Cantonese governor of Swatow, who has distinguished himself in rear-guard actions against the Nationalists.

### HUMAN PROBLEM.

What Each One Is Doing To Another.

General Tan Yen-kai is still dubious of going to Hankow to take up the appointment (by Chiang Kai-shek) of commander of the 4th Nationalist Group Army, according to the "Kung Shueung Yat Po."

Another report says that General Cheng Chien, who is a Hunanese and now has much power in Hunan, is opposed to Chiang Kai-shek, but favours a private understanding with General Tan Yen-kai himself, in the interests of Hunan military clique. Tan Yen-kai is also closely related to Hunan and there may be soon truth in this report.

### Chiang's Confidence.

Chiang Kai-shek, however, is supposed to have confidence in the outcome, as he has ordered Cheng Chien to bring his troops to join the war against Peking.

To confuse the issue further, an overnight message says that Cheng Chien's command has been contaminated by Red influence. General Pei Chung-hsi (one of the big four of the Kwangsi group and a colleague of Li Chai-sum of Canton) has acted drastically to prevent the Red element spreading. Pei Chung-hsi, it should be noted, is co-operating with Cheng Chien in Hunan in a drive against the Hunanese hordes, some of which are stated to have surrendered to Pei Chung-hsi and Cheng Chien.

### CANTON REPORTS.

Papersides Depart: Unions Closed.

Leading Generals now up-country are still being reported as "on their way back to Canton." The only development of importance is the departure of a brigade of Ironsides (from their barracks at Honam) to the East River, as the nucleus of an expedition to be sent against the Swabue Reds who have over-run the country-side between Swatow and Bias Bay.

Five more labour unions have been closed and a women's institution has also been proscribed.

### Powers and Peking.

Peking, Yesterday.

Despite the Chinese official statement of Feb. 22 that the Note on the land leases in Man-

### MR. E. B. C. HORNEll.

Leaves On Monday For Shanghai.

#### LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS.

Good Work For Peak Residents And Flower Shows.

Hong Kong loses a resident who for many years has been prominently associated with its interests, in the departure on Monday for Shanghai of Mr. E. B. C. Hornell, Secretary of the China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., and a member of the staff of Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd.

Mr. Hornell has been transferred to the Shanghai branch of Jardine, Matheson's.

Mr. Hornell first came out East in 1906 when he joined the Shanghai staff of Jardine, Matheson's being transferred to Hong Kong ten years later as Secretary of the China Sugar Refining Co.

During Mr. Hornell's residence in Hong Kong he has taken a prominent part in many local activities. He was one of the promoters and organisers of the Peak Residents' Association, which was founded in the early part of 1922 and has been assiduous in following up questions raised by Peak residents through the medium of the Association. He has been Secretary and Treasurer of the Association since its inception and it is satisfactory to note that a capable successor has been found in Mr. A. Murdoch, of Jardine, Matheson's.

Residents' Gratitude.

Mr. Hornell has also been Secretary of the Peak Club since early in 1923 and he was recently the recipient of a presentation for his work in connection with that body, the presentation of a silver salver inscribed with a hundred and twenty names being made by Mr. F. C. Hall, Chairman of the Club.

Another branch of local activity with which Mr. Hornell has been associated is the Hong Kong Angling Club. It was the original intention of the promoters of this Club to obtain data on fresh-water and sea-water fishing with a view to compiling a record which would be of use to angling enthusiasts. Nothing has been done in this connection for some time and it is being considered whether it would be best to bring the society to an end or to continue with a view to attaining the original object of the founders.

Interest In Rowing.

Mr. Hornell was the donor of the Hornell Cup for Hong Fours (rowing), his object being to encourage rowing among those who are engaged in office work here and who have not the opportunities for keeping fit as fall to the lot of Service members. Some years ago, Mr. Hornell himself took an active part in rowing and was cox to the Jardine, Matheson crew.

As Hon. Secretary of the Hong Kong Horticultural Society since 1924, Mr. Hornell has done much to keep the Society's aims before the public and on him devolved much onerous work in connection with the organisation of the Society's Flower Show. As a competitor from his own garden and as Secretary of the Peak Club, Mr. Hornell has carried off many prizes at the Shows.

Mr. Hornell will also be missed from Peak social circles. She has been on the Advisory Committee of the Peak Club and has served on the Committee of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club. She was a keen and accomplished golfer and got through to the final of the Ladies' Championship when she was beaten by Mrs. Tottenham. She was also in the final of the Captain's Cup which was won by Mrs. Dodwell.

Presentation Yesterday.

A presentation was made to Mr. E. B. C. Hornell yesterday at the manager's office, China Sugar Refinery when there was a large gathering of the Refinery Staff.

In the absence of Mr. G. M. Shaw, the Manager, the presentation was made by Mr. S. Baker, Chief Engineer.

Reference to the difficult times through which the Colony and the businesses associated with it had passed was made in the course of the speeches and tribute to Mr. Hornell was paid for the manner in which these difficulties had

### SPIRIT OF YOUTH.

Britons Who Go Overseas.

#### EXTENDING FACILITIES.

Dominions Secretary Points Out How Empire Will Gain.

London, Yesterday. The House of Commons to-day passed the second reading of a private bill, the object of which is to extend the benefits of the Empire Settlement Act.

Mr. A. A. Somerville (Conservative) who moved the second reading, urged the necessity of giving more encouragement to the spirit of adventure of the young men of this country. He said we ought to be sending out to the Dominions yearly two or three hundred thousand men instead of the present average of fifty to sixty thousand.

The Rev. Hon. Mr. L. M. S. Amery, Dominions Secretary, said the Government endorsed the second reading of the bill with some reservations. He deprecated using unemployment benefit for the assistance of emigration. He said it was only men likely to succeed that we ought to encourage to go overseas. The mere fact of men being unemployed was not in itself any argument why we should run risk of exchanging unemployment in this country with Home surroundings for unemployment in unfamiliar surroundings.

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A great deal of hesitation and the restricted attitude towards Empire settlement which was shown overseas, particularly in some dominions, was due to the idea that we were trying to get rid of people we did not want here in order to let them take their chance of sinking or swimming.

CLoudy AND Misty.

North-east winds, fresh, cloudy, with mist, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

ming overseas. Unemployment was our own domestic problem which we had got to solve on our own lines by finding the true balance of industry and readjusting the occupations of our population.

We were not asking the Dominions to help us to solve our own problems. What we were doing in settlement was in the spirit of willing co-operation in Empire matters in moving people from one part of the Empire to another. It was very desirable to make it quite clear here and in the Dominions that this was a policy of co-operation and not a policy of our trying to get the major advantage. The need of the Dominions for more population was greater than our need of reducing our population. While we should benefit from it, the country to which the emigration went should benefit even more.

Mr. Amery recalled that the Empire Settlement Act came into force in 1922. In the first three years the average number of persons assisted to migrate was 40,000 and in 1926-27 the number was over 64,000. In 1927 there was a slight reduction as compared with 1926 of 2,500 almost entirely due to local depression in New Zealand. Taking all the circumstances of these years into account, he thought they had not done so badly.—British Wireless Service.

A REDUCTION.

HOME CIVIL SERVICE ESTIMATES.

London, Yesterday.

The Civil Service estimates for 1928 total £292,894,000; a reduction of £8,497,000.—Reuter.

COLONY'S MONEY.

On Dec. 1, 1927, the Colony's exchequer balance was \$4,367,884.72.

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## CHINESE ACTION.

The American s.s. "Edmore" was held up in Amoy for several days by the local Labour Unions, as a result, it was stated, of the shooting of a sampan man who was alleged to have pilfered cargo.

The sampan man, it appears, was discovered by the Chief Officer making away from the ship with three sacks of flour which appeared to form part of a cargo which the "Edmore" was discharging in Amoy.

The man was called up to stop but disregarded the order. Two warning shots were then fired by the Chief Officer with his revolver but still the sampan man did not stop. A third shot was then fired after him, this time the Chief Officer aiming at the fugitive's leg and wounded the man. One of the two earlier shots unfortunately ricochetted and

hit the master of a nearby sampan in the stomach. This man subsequently died of his injury.

## Boycott.

The result of this affair was that the Labour Unions in Amoy called a boycott against the "Edmore" and the discharging of her cargo was held up for some days. In the meantime the Unions made demands for compensation for the dead and wounded, through the local authorities and the Customs.

The American Consul then took a hand in the matter and it was reported that a U. S. destroyer arrived at Amoy on Thursday morning. A few hours later, the "Edmore" sailed for Hong Kong.

In view of the fact that the s.s. "Cupram" is due in Amoy on Monday, and fearing that the Labour Unions will take further action with regard to this ship, Mr. T. B. Wilson of the Dollar Line left for Amoy yesterday afternoon. It is also understood that the destroyer will remain in Amoy to meet the "Cupram" there.

The Dollar Line round-the-world steamer "President Hayes" arrived at Hong Kong this morning. She will continue her voyage at 8 a.m. to-morrow, making the following ports of call en route:—Manila, Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez, Port Said, Alexandria, Naples, Genoa, Marseilles, New York, Boston, Havana, Cristobal, Balboa, Port of Los Angeles, San Francisco, Honolulu, Kobe, Shanghai and Hong Kong.

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EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Apr. 18	Apr. 21	Apr. 24	Apr. 27	May 6
EMPEROR OF ASIA	May 9	May 12	May 15	May 18	May 27
EMPEROR OF CANADA	June 2	June 5	June 8	June 11	
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	June 20	June 23	June 26	July 1	July 6
EMPEROR OF ASIA	July 11	July 14	July 17	July 20	July 29
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TALIPPORE	5,273	7th Mar. Noon	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
KILWA	9,133	10th Mar. Noon	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
VASHIM	8,885	17th Mar. Noon	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
MIRzapore	6,715	18th Mar. Noon	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
KARMAKA	9,128	24th Mar. Noon	Marseilles & London
MANTUA	10,940	31st Mar. Noon	Marseilles & London
KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr. Noon	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MONGOLIA	16,601	14th Apr. Noon	Marseilles & London
NAPORE	5,283	21st Apr. Noon	Marseilles & London
MOREA	10,983	28th Apr. Noon	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KASHIAR	9,005	12th May 10th June	Marseilles & London
JEPYPORE	5,318	19th May 17th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London
MALWA	10,884	9th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
DELTIA	8,007	16th June	Marseilles & London
NOVARA	6,989	23rd June	Bombay, Marseilles & London
RANPUR	10,601	7th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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SHIRALA	7,841	9th Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
NAGASORE	5,283	12th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MANTUA	10,840	16th Mar.	Shanghai
LAHORE	5,253	19th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
SANTHIA	7,751	21st Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
AKADA	6,940	28th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KOREA	10,653	30th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ARAFURA	6,000	3rd Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
JEPYPORE	5,318	10th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHGAR	10,604	13th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MALWA	6,984	27th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TANDA	6,956	1st May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
NOVARA	6,980	1st May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
DELTIA	8,007	1st May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
RANPUR	10,601	25th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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### GOVT. STEPS IN.

#### CHINA MERCHANTS CO.'S POSITION.

#### NATIONALIST "SUSPENSION."

Failure of the directors to register with the Nationalist Government the names of all shareholders of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., has prompted the Nanking Government to suspend the board of directors of that concern, and the Nationalist Government has now taken over control.

Mr. Wang Pal-chung (Minister of Communications), was recently appointed by the Nanking Government as chief supervisor of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation to conduct an investigation into its financial and business affairs with a view to reorganisation, this action being taken in the interests of shareholders. One of Mr. Wang's first actions after installing a small staff of supervisory officers in the offices of the company there was to order the compilation of a list of shareholders.

#### Meetings Banned.

In the two months which have elapsed since the order was issued, approximately one-tenth of the shareholders have been registered. The majority have not complied with the Nanking order, either with the object of ignoring the order or preventing the calling of a general meeting of shareholders. As a result, the Minister of Communications, in a mandate, has suspended the directors and ordered his deputy at Shanghai, Chao Ti-chiao, to forbid directors' meetings.

Chao has also been instructed by the Communications Minister to commence an immediate investigation with a view to selecting a new board of directors and bringing about a meeting of all shareholders to discuss plans for thorough reorganisation of the personnel and affairs of the company. Sweeping changes are likely to be brought about, it is indicated.

#### Fight in Difficulties.

The China Merchants' Steam Navigation Co., long the foremost Chinese shipping concern, owns some forty coast and river vessels with displacements ranging from a few hundred to 3,000 tons. The vessels are operated on the Yangtze between Shanghai and Hankow, Hankow and Chungking, Shanghai and Tientsin, Shanghai and Dairen, Shanghai and Ningpo, Shanghai and Wenchow, Shanghai and Foochow, and Shanghai and Canton.

Early in 1927, as result of military strife and labour strikes, complete suspension of sailings brought heavy losses to the company, whose difficulties were multiplied by commandeering of their vessels for transportation of troops by military commanders who retained the vessels even when they were in no actual need of them and, on occasion, kept troops billeted aboard the ships.

#### Appeal to Nanking.

Continued losses during 1927 even after resumption of sailings on the many routes operated by the China Merchants led a number of shareholders to appeal to the Nanking Government to intervene. They charged mismanagement on the part of the directors, who are blamed for non-payment of dividends for five or six years. Corruption was also charged and, consequently, the Nanking authorities appointed supervisors to look into the affairs of the company.

The action of the shareholders was the outcome of a dispute that had raged between directors and shareholders for years, a number of the latter vainly attempting to effect reorganisation of the company, a move that was repeatedly blocked by the directors.

#### Director A Fugitive.

The affairs of this big Chinese shipping concern were complicated somewhat last year, following the Nationalist occupation of Shanghai, by the flight of Fu Siao-en, a wealthy Chinese who was then at the head of the concern, and was sought on a warrant of arrest issued by Nanking for alleged illegality in connection with election of officers of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce.

Fu Siao-en was one of Shanghai's foremost Chinese business figures and during the regime of General Sun Chuan-fang as over-lord of the five south-eastern provinces was one of his closest followers. He disappeared completely the night before the Nanking warrant was issued and is believed to be either in Japan or North China.

#### The American Mail Liner "President McKinley".

The American Mail Liner "President McKinley" is due to arrive here from Los Angeles and San Francisco via Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe and Shanghai on Monday, Feb. 27. She will sail for Manila on Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 6 p.m.

Chinese deck passengers to the number of 7,922 left Singapore for China during January, 1928, compared with 9,023 in the same month last year. The total of Chinese immigrants who arrived at Singapore in January was 20,521, compared with 40,969 in January, 1927.

### NOTABLE SHIPS.

#### THREE PASSENGER LINERS OF 1927.

#### SIGNIFICANCE OF MOTORS.

It is a fact not without significance that the three vessels which are probably the outstanding passenger liners of the year are all motor-ships. To designate any particular vessel as the ship of the year is obviously impracticable. For one reason or another it might be applied to many. But if any ship is to be singled out, it is not unreasonable to select the "Bermuda," the "Augustus" and the "Saturnia." The "Bermuda" is rather a product of 1926 than 1927. The description of the "Bermuda" suffices to show how notable a ship she is.

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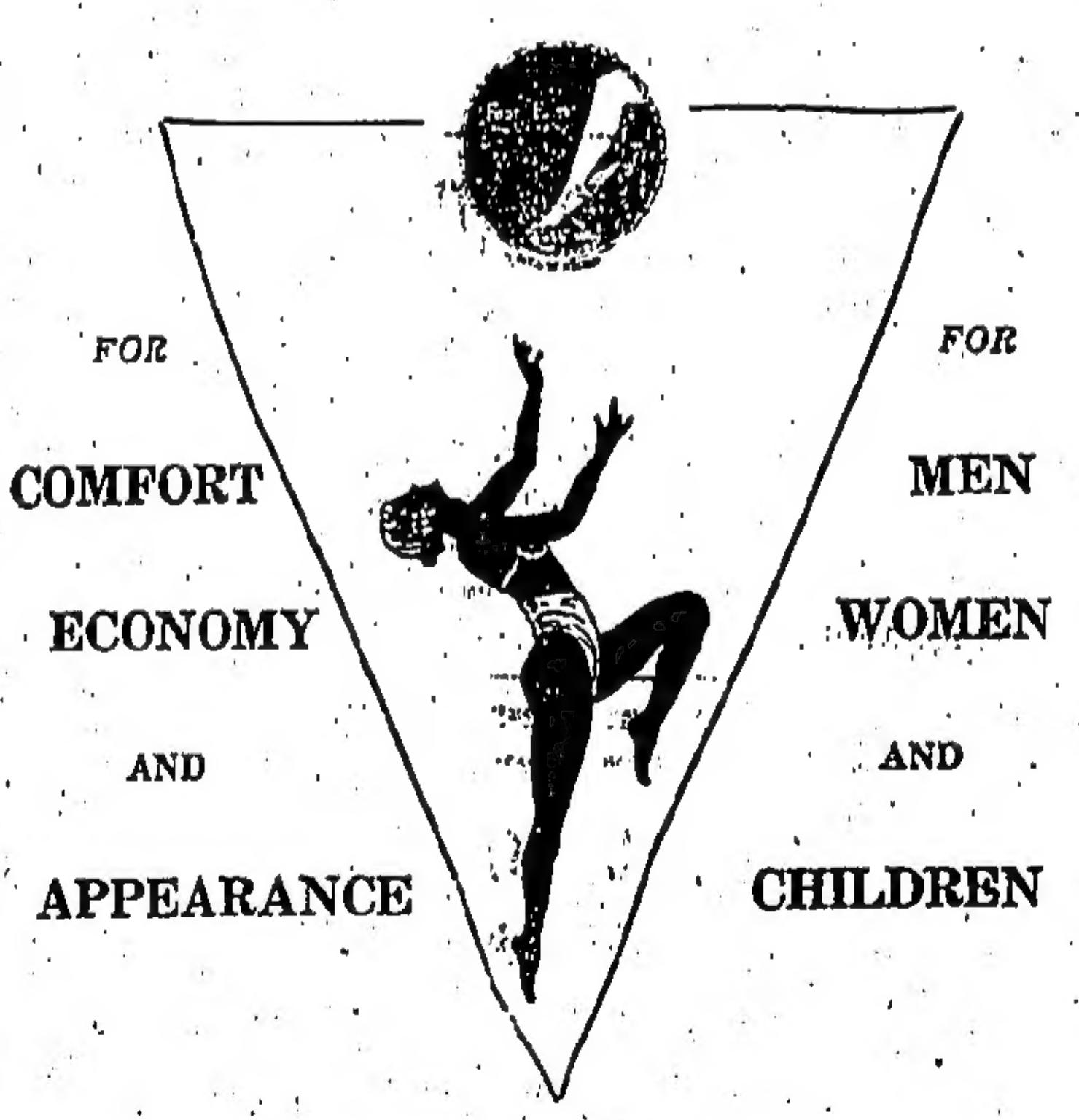
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Hong Kong is already preparing for the part that is likely to be assigned her as an air transport centre for the Far East—the work of completing Kai Tak reclamation in readiness for seaplane, aeroplane and, possibly, airship accommodation is proceeding apace—but, arising out of Mr. Vaughan-Fowler's comment on aero-clubs, the question arises as to whether we as a community cannot do more to show our interest in and appreciation of, the possibilities of commercial flying. In Singapore there is a recently formed, but thriving, aero-club. In Hong Kong there are a number of former R.F.C., R.N.A.S. and Air Force officers—at any rate a meeting of former members of the Royal Flying Corps two years ago when a dinner was held was well attended and at one time there was even a discussion as to whether it would not be possible to form a flying section in connection with the Volunteer Corps. Any such scheme as the formation of an aero-club would necessarily involve considerable organisation but, if there are enough enthusiastic spirits to see it through, there is no reason why Hong Kong, in common with other Far Eastern centres, should not be brought up to date in this respect.

The Government appears to be committed to the re-building of the Government Civil Hospital on a site adjacent to the present, judging by a speech made by H.E. the Governor this week. It appears to be somewhat of a pity that when the chance of rebuilding offers itself, advantage has not been taken of the opportunity to rebuild in a more suitable and congenial district. The argument in support of the Government's attitude are that the Hospital is primarily for Chinese—other Hospitals catering more exclusively for the European population—and that therefore the noises attendant on a busy Chinese district will not affect European patients at present owing to the fact that rebuilding on an adjacent site—the grounds at present devoted to lawns and gardens and a few staffing quarters are to be utilised for the new building—will entail considerably less trouble and expense. It is also adduced in

favour of the Government's decision. These arguments, however, are not overwhelming. The district is undoubtedly about the noisiest in the city and noise cannot be good for any patient, Chinese or European. It seems a pity that the levelled ground on the partially demolished Morrison Hill cannot be utilised for the rebuilt Government Civil Hospital. It is in ideal surroundings and almost as easy of access as the present site. The Morrison Hill site is said to be earmarked for the new Queen's College but there must be plenty of alternative sites for this purpose. Is it too much to hope that the last word has not yet been said on this subject?

Another matter referred to by His Excellency, in the course of his review of local problems, was that of the Colony's water supply. For some years it has been obvious that the island itself cannot provide adequate water supplies for its growing population. Water restriction is still necessary at certain times of the year in spite of more and yet more sources of supply having been tapped. The scheme which it is proposed to put in hand at Aberdeen will help considerably but, if the demand continues to increase at the rate it has done in past years, even this will not completely solve the problem.

The Aberdeen scheme is to construct waterworks at the head of the valley, near the present reservoir belonging to the paper mills, but as it was previously announced that this would be about the last feasible area to be tapped it becomes necessary to cast about for other means of supplementing the island supply in years to come. The possibility of constructing a distilling plant for utilising seawater was under consideration for some time but the wisest plan would appear to be that now favoured by the Government for connecting up with the mainland sources, principally that provided by the Shing Mun scheme, by means of a pipe-line. If this scheme is to be bound up with that of building a tunnel across the harbour it will be many years before the island will receive the benefit of the pipe-line but in the meantime the Aberdeen work will have progressed and this should be sufficient to keep the Colony going sufficiently until the mainland water resources are connected up.

### SIR M. LAMPSON.

HIS RECEPTION AT CANTON.

TO CALL ON LI

H.M.S. "Terantula" with Sir Miles Lampson on board, arrived at Canton from Macao at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, and was met at the Shamian jetty by a large gathering of foreign and Chinese officials, who accorded the British Minister a rousing welcome.

Those who were on the jetty when Sir Miles landed included Mr. Brennan, the British Consul-General, members of the Consular Body at Canton and representatives of the Kwangtung Provincial Government. Amongst the latter were Mr. Chu Chao-hsin, Commissioner of Foreign Affairs and Mr. Lin Wen-kai, Mayor of Canton.

Immediately the British Minister landed from his motor boat, the band played the National Anthem whilst a guard of honour from the Queen's Regiment drawn up on the Bund at Shamian presented arms. After Sir Miles had inspected the guard of honour, he was escorted by Mr. Brennan and Commissioners Chu and Lin to the specially prepared residence opposite the British Consulate.

As head of the Provincial Government and chairman of the Canton branch of the Nationalist Political Council General Li Chai-sun welcomed Sir Miles at lunch yesterday.

Great Britain and China had much in common and nothing in conflict, said General Li Chai-sun. In view of traditional relations, the province of Kwangtung is the key to strengthen the ties of the two countries.

In his reply Sir Miles emphasised that Britain had no political object in China; Britain's desire

### SCHOOL PRIZES.

#### BELLIOS PUBLIC SCHOOL

#### PRESENTATION

#### YEAR'S WORK REVIEWED.

A successful year's work was reported at the annual prize distribution yesterday of the Bellios Public School. The maximum enrolment for the year was reported to be 536. The results of the Junior and Senior Local examinations were very satisfactory, there being twelve entries and nine passes for the former and eleven entries and nine passes for the latter. The School authorities were indebted to Mr. J. d'Almeida, Secretary of the "Soccoros Mutuos" for kindly presenting four prizes for efficiency in Portuguese.

The Headmistress in her report also commented on the fact that the girls were showing more inclination to carry their studies beyond Matriculation standard and to take advantage of the opportunities the Hong Kong University offered.

It was regrettable that the School had no scholarships for senior students, as financial reasons often prevented them from so carrying on.

In conclusion, the Headmistress referred to the work of the Old Girls' Association, the formation of a School Company of Girl Guides and the inauguration of a school magazine.

In the course of the ceremony Dr. T. S. Tsui and Mr. J. R. Wood addressed the students.

Prizes Awarded.

The prizes, which were presented by Lady Chow, wife of Sir Shou-sun Chow, were as follows:

Government Free Scholarships for 1928: Class I, Ho Siu-hing;

2, Lee Tun-yung; 3, Kung Chuk-ye; 4, Wong Yu-heung; 5, Lum Tsui-ying; 6, Chau Mo-hi; 7, Yung Mo-chun.

English Class Prizes: Class I, Hui Wai-hn; 2, Bertha Remedios; 3, (I) Sylvia Remedios, (II), Tam Lai-ying; 4, (I) Tsang Lai-kwan, (II), Tam Mo-wun; 5, (I), Yu Sheung-woon, Tong Yim-yu, (II), Alice Rodrigues; Upper 6, (I) Wong Hee-lan, (II), Kwok Lai-ping; Lower 6, (I) Lee Kwai-han, (II), Kwong Fung-mui; 7A, (I) Lo To-di; (II) Cheng Lai-ching; 7B, (I) Jeu Fung-ku; (II), Wong Suk-hing; 7C, Poon Nai-mui; 8A, (I) Leung Lok-ching, (II), Sung Ngan-ku; 8B, (I) Kwok Wing-fung; 8C, Choi Ping-chee; Std. IIIA, Young Sui-yeo; IIIIB, Ho Siu-ling; IIIIC, Fung Tak-chun; IIIA, Ng Chouk-yin; IIIB, Chan Wal-mat; IIIC, Yuen Kam-lan.

Chinese Class Prizes: Class I, Hui Wal-han; 2, Ho Siu-hing; 3, Lee Tun-yung; 4, Sung Yuk-tsing; 5, Cheung Di-king; Upper 6, Lo Siu-kow; Lower 6, Young Chou-lau; 7A, Cheng Lai-ching; 7B, Wong Chun-yim; 7C, (I), Poon Nai-mui, (III), Fung Mit-yung; 8A, Cheung Woon-fong; 8B, (I) Tsui Kam-ying; 8C, (I) Lau Mu-ying; 9A, Lo Yut-ho; Std. IIIA, (I) Wong Hon-lu, (II) Cheung Mo-ching; IIIB, (I) Ho Sui-ling; IIIA, (I) Chan Sau-kei; IIIIC, (I) Leung Po-fun, (II) Ng La-chun; IIIA, (I) Chiu Fung-hung, (II) Hou Po-chun; IIIB, (I) Chiu King-chu, (II) Luk Kam-fung; IIIC, (I) Yuen Kam-lan, (II) Mok Lai-kwan; IA, (I) Wong Nei-yin, (II) Cheng Kam-chuen; IB, (I) Fung Suet-lan, (II) Ho Lai-king.

Prizes for proficiency in Portuguese awarded to:—Sylvia Remedios.

Cup for Cookery and Needlework (presented by Mrs. Bird), awarded to:—Wong Yu-yuk.

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## BANK MEETING.

## COLONY'S RECORD OF PROGRESS.

## HINT TO CHINA.

## Mr. Bernard's Review of Past Year's Activities.

## UNITED OPPOSITION TO MILITARY TYRANNY ADVOCATED.

Presiding at the annual general meeting of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at the City Hall this morning, the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard most comprehensively reviewed the year's activities, both in regard to the Bank and China and the Far East generally.

He drew attention to the Colony's remarkable record of progress and in his final remarks, speaking of China's present plight, advocated that the middle classes should bind themselves into a practical and united opposition to the military tyranny that prevails.

The year's profit amounts to \$14,239,288 which, together with the amount brought forward, comes to \$17,638,563, a result described as eminently satisfactory.

## SURVEY OF FINANCE.

The Chairman said:—Ladies and Gentlemen.—The report and statement of accounts, having been in your hands for some time, I shall, with your permission, take them as read.

Before we proceed as usual with the adoption of the report and accounts and a general survey of the past year, there are two matters upon which I should like to touch. First I wish to invite attention to the record of progress in this Colony, the domicile of our bank, as described so graphically by His Excellency the Governor in his speech to the Legislative Council last September when he recorded the achievements of the past thirty years. We see from the illuminating figures then given that, comparing 1926 with thirty years ago, the revenue of the Colony had been multiplied by over eight, the civil population (now mounting toward a million) had more than trebled and there had been a rise of over 100 per cent. in the volume of foreign shipping. The figure for this last, namely 27 millions of tons, excluding junks, increased last year by 7 millions to the imposing total of 34 millions, of which almost exactly one-half was British.

His Excellency showed on that occasion what can be accomplished by British and Chinese co-operation in normal times, and although the needless and senseless boycotts and the internal strife throughout China may have checked the Colony's growth— even given it a temporary setback—yet once peace and order are restored, I feel certain that its vitality will be abundantly demonstrated in renewed prosperity and progress and that Hong Kong, acting in mutual co-operation with her great neighbour, will show an increasingly fine record in the years to come.

## China's Possibilities.

Perhaps it is not out of place to quote a remark made by the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen in an address to the students of the University of Hong Kong in 1923. Dr. Sun said he wondered how "Englishmen could do such things as they had done, for example, with the barren rock of Hong Kong within seventy or eighty years, while China in four thousand years had no place like 'Hong Kong.' It is unnecessary to point out that, with an administration of law and order, and consideration for her industrious population, China could accomplish equally wonderful changes throughout the country, and she would receive the whole-hearted co-operation of all foreigners in China, as well as that of their Governments, in bringing about such conditions as would make China one of the most prosperous countries in the world."

## Management Change.

Secondly I have to refer to the change which has taken place in the Chief Management of the Bank since we last met.

As you know, Mr. A. H. Barlow, at the end of his six months' leave in September last, desired to retire from the East and your Directors accepted his resignation with very much regret. Mr. Barlow during his thirty-six years' service on the Eastern staff did very valuable work for the Bank. The three years of his tenure of the Chief Managership were troublesome and arduous ones and the thanks of all shareholders are due to Mr. Barlow for the able manner in which he conducted the affairs of the Bank and looked after their interests. The results accomplished during that period speak for themselves and are evidence of his capable handling of

## Silver Fluctuations.

During the past year the fluctuation in the price of silver was, with the exception of 1923 and 1925, the narrowest since 1911, the range being between a maximum of 26d. in February and a minimum of 24.3/4d. in January. The average for the year was fraction over 26d. The sale by the Government of India of Standard Ozs. 9,200,000 from their holdings in the Silver Reserve in July was quietly and cleverly effected without immediate disturbance of the market. News of the transactions becoming known after the sales were complete caused the market to take flight and produced a sharp decline in price from a level of 26d. to 24.16/16d. As the fear of further sales by the Indian Government subsided, there was a gradual, though hesitating, recovery in the price and 26d. was again reached in October.

The chief absorbing countries for silver continue to be India and China and any serious falling off in their consumptive power would soon react on the price of the metal. In forming an opinion upon the future trend of the silver market, an important factor to be borne in mind is the policy which is likely to be adopted by the Indian Government with regard to their holdings of silver in the form of silver rupees and uncoined silver of 916.56 fineness, which at the end of the year represented the equivalent of about Standard Ozs. 407 millions.

The world's silver production for 1927 is put at about Standard Ozs. 275 millions which is roughly the same as the revised figures for 1926.

To arrive at the total amount of silver available during 1927 there should be added to the production figures about Ozs. 30 millions representing silver sold by the Indian Government, sales by the Bank of France and silver shipped from Japan to Shanghai.

Estimates of the importation of silver into India during the past year place the figure at about Standard Ozs. 110 millions, in addition to which the silver sold by the Indian Government, viz., Ozs. 9,200,000 was delivered in India. Allowing for shipments from Bombay to China of about Ozs. 13 millions we get the Indian consumption for the year Ozs. 106 millions as against Ozs. 113 millions in 1926.

Imports into China were about Ozs. 98 millions as compared with 82 millions in 1926.

## Discount Market.

The discount market in London ruled very steady throughout the year and, with the exception of a few weeks in April and May, when the quotation for 3 m/s Bills dropped a little below 4 per cent., the rate was more or less stabilised at 4.5/16 per cent. The only alteration in the Bank of England rate was a reduction on April 21 to 4 1/2 per cent. from the 5 per cent. level at which it had stood since December 3, 1925. Day to day money did not pursue quite the same even course and while the average rate over the whole year was a little under 4 per cent. there were frequent variations in the daily rate between 3 1/2 per cent. and 5 per cent. owing to the constant changes from a plethora to a stringency in the floating supply of credit.

The total amount of Treasury Bills outstanding was at its highest in January at £275 million. The figure fell to £268 million in April but at the end of the year had increased to £261 million.

With a diminished supply of mercantile bills play a very important part in the London discount market but it is the mercantile bills, representing as they do actual trade, which make the London market the Clearing House for the finance of international trade and it is to be regretted that financing by means of loans and overdrafts, without any definite maturity date, is to some extent replacing the old-established and admirable system of bills being drawn under Bankers' credits.

## True Index of Trade.

The control exercised by the Bank of England over the London discount market during 1927 is not justified by the necessity of placing a guard against any weakening of the Bank's gold position, in view, especially, of the possibility of the Treasury note issue being taken over by the Bank in the near future. It is probably a temporary expedient and there is, certainly, good reason to hope so for it is unquestionable that to retain its former position as the centre for international trade, the London discount market must be a free one so as to attract an ample supply of mercantile bills. Such bills are the true index of trade besides affording the simplest possible instrument for regulating the volume of credit. The measures adopted have met with success, as instanced by the upward movement in the London-New York exchange, but it will be a relief when the situation permits of the

withdrawal of any control and the money market regains its former freedom of action.

It is a matter of grave concern that the Lancashire Textile Trade is suffering so severely from the contraction of their China market. The inevitable damage to the trade resulting from the troubles in China is accentuated by Japanese competition, the statistics of which show a steady improvement at Great Britain's expense and by the increasing proportion in which mills in China are supplying the local demand. With any return to normal conditions in China, the cotton industry is bound to make rapid growth and it will need closer co-operation and cheaper production on the part of the Lancashire Manufacturers to meet the keen competition.

In contrast to cottons British woollen goods seem to be holding their own in the China market.

## European Situation.

The European economic situation has improved in complexion during the past year, helped by the progressive stabilisation of national currencies and the smooth transfer of reparations payments from Germany.

The margin between discount rates in London and New York, where the level was appreciably lower, induced, on the one hand, a greater financing of cotton bills elsewhere in America, while on the other hand—assisted by our return to the gold standard—it attracted to London the floating balances of European central and other Banks which now run into very large figures. Sterling in terms of United States dollars advanced during the year from 4.85 to 4.88 1/2 and in December there arrived in London the first shipment of gold from the United States since 1920.

The state of China's trade in 1927 is reflected in the Customs Revenue returns which show a fall of 12 per cent.—from 78 to 65 1/2 millions of Taels—the first serious decline since 1914.

This setback is the natural result of civil disorders, party war, labour and agrarian unrest, military oppression and the absence of public security having combined to place every sort of obstruction in the way of foreign and domestic commerce. It is a depressing picture which I have to give and I regret that I can perceive little sign yet of that clearing of our horizon which we are all so anxious to see.

## Satisfactory Record.

Here in the South we have again suffered from the depredations of pirates, while a series of political changes at Canton has also had a hampering effect on mercantile enterprise. In spite of this, the trade of this Colony has shown a steady and healthy recovery from the low point reached in the previous year, though by no means equal in volume with that of three or four years ago. A distinct improvement has occurred in piece goods, though the trade is now facing the effect of increased manufacturing costs, and there has been a noticeable activity in the export of wood oil which, blocked on the Yangtze, is finding an exit in the South. Taking all into account, Hong Kong's record for the year is not unsatisfactory and there are fair indications that the improvement is likely to continue.

In the Yangtze Valley the anti-British boycott has died down except at isolated points, but the benefit of this has been counterbalanced by the hindrance to transportation arising from war and brigandage, and by the crippling effect of depreciated currency.

To illustrate the extent of the former of these evils, I may instance the rise in the cost of freight between Shanghai and the province of Honan which has reached as much as nine times the normal figure, while in regard to the latter I need only refer to the embargo on silver and compulsory use of currency notes at a heavy market discount.

In the north the situation has been less acute, military interference, though severe, having been within relatively narrower bounds; but there too merchants have been heavily handicapped by irregular taxation and the disorganisation of transport.

## Hand to Mouth.

Business throughout the country has thus necessarily been of a hand-to-mouth nature, but an encouraging feature is the rapid improvement which everywhere takes place as soon as local conditions become, in the least tolerable. With the exception of silk which has had to contend with a very depressed market, exports have been surprisingly good, thanks largely to the dogged pertinacity of the native merchants who have found ways and means of getting cargo down to the treaty ports in the face of the greatest obstacles and have, one is glad to add, found remunerative prices on the whole to compensate them for the risk and expense. A good harvest in central China and a steady level of exchange have been helpful factors.

## In India.

In India a good monsoon has again been accompanied by somewhat disappointing trade conditions. Imports have been generally dull, while the export trade in

cotton has suffered by the reduced capacity of two principal markets, China and Japan. In stabilising the rupee India has reached a goal to which we have long been looking and from which we may hope for beneficial results in the future.

The year has been uneven in the Straits Settlements and Malaya, trade on the whole easy. The American demand for rubber fell short of expectations and restriction on export had to be slightly raised to keep prices steady.

The Philippine Islands suffered a serious loss last summer in the death of General Leonard Wood, under whose wise and able administration so much advance had been made towards stability and prosperity. With a steady and general improvement in the state of the population, the finances of the Islands are getting on to an increasingly firm footing.

## Japan's Check.

Japan's economic progress received a severe check last April in the financial crisis which followed the failure of the important firm of Suzuki and caused some thirty banks to close their doors. The crisis was, on the whole, met with the courage and perseverance which we have learnt to expect from the Japanese in their national adversities, and the work of reconstruction which, though far from complete, has continued unabated, will, it is hoped, bear fruit in the near future. A substantial increase in the export of raw silk, although at low prices, set off the loss on cotton goods due to conditions in China, and the year closed with an adverse trade balance lower by 145 million yen than that of 1926.

## Small Improvement.

After this brief survey of Far Eastern trade conditions I pass on to the general situation in our principal field of operations. In the political, as in the commercial, sphere it is disappointing that the course of affairs in China during the last twelve months shows such small improvement and that there is so little progress to record towards a settlement of her domestic problems or of her foreign relations. But though poor in result, the year has been unusually rich in incident. The arrival of the British Defence Force and the conclusion of the much-debated Hankow Agreement at the beginning of the year were followed—within a few weeks—of our last meeting—by the Nanking affair which with its lamentable tale of murder and outrage marked the culminating point of the fierce anti-foreign movement along the Yangtze. This led to the evacuation, as a measure of safety, of British subjects from all unprotected areas in Nationalist territory. Shanghai was meanwhile experiencing a terrorist regime, instituted and organised by communist agents, which but for the presence of the British troops would be still painfully absent. It is impossible to believe that the sacrifices we have made can remain without effect on our mutual relations and, indeed, I am glad to say that the anti-foreign, and particularly anti-British, agitation has visibly and considerably lessened. With the decline of communist influence, we may hope for still further improvement.

## Military Exploitation.

The Chinese should, however, realise that they cannot expect a continuance of such magnanimity unless they respond in a similar spirit. Nor must they drift towards the conviction that forbearance on the part of the foreign Powers means a short cut through outrages and the violation of treaties to equal international status. We may hope, too, that His Majesty's Government, while firm in the policy of helping onwards all constructive reform in the country, will not suffer honest friendliness from the West—and the Northern military allies, though they successfully repelled the attack, find themselves at the end of the year in control of a much reduced territory. At a rough estimate two-thirds of China now flies the Nationalist flag.

## Superficial Expansion.

The superficial expansion of the Nationalist movement is, however, more than outweighed by the ruinous cleavage in its ranks. The solidarity which marked the initial advance from Canton has been replaced by dissensions which threaten to wreck the party and render impossible a united Nationalist government. The Kuomintang (the party on which the Nationalist Government is based) has split into two, with the rival governments established at Nanking and Hankow, and now tends to dissolve into a number of separate factions. Thus at the end of another twelve months, so far from unification being nearer, the political map of China shows more divisions and subdivisions than ever.

Communism is the rock on which Nationalism has split. Fostered by Bolshevik agents, the communist movement spread over Nationalist China and plunged both cities and country-side into all the miseries and horrors of embittered

class warfare. With mob-violence and terrorism as its weapons, it has devastated the economic life of the country, not even shunning the wholesale massacre of defenceless merchants and farmers as we have lately seen in the regions around Swatow. The appalling excesses of the communist faction brought about a reaction which terminated in the expulsion last December of all Soviet representatives in Nationalist territory and the official repression of communist activities. But the Nationalist cause had already suffered irreparable damage and the eradication of communism is, I fear, very far from complete. Such is the result of Bolshevik friendship bought with the price of open enmity towards ourselves and the other Powers and of an undermining of the Chinese social system, a process of which the end is not yet in sight. Truly China has reaped the whirlwind.

**Salt Revenue.**

As regards the Salt Revenue, I will not burden you by repeating the wearisome tale of illegal seizures and disorganisation. Receipts are now reduced to a negligible figure, the reserve of funds held by the Group Banks is practically exhausted and unless a marked improvement occurs the whole of the loans dependent on Salt Revenue are doomed to fall into default.

I understand that a heavy reduction of local revenues has resulted from the supersession of foreign employees of the Chinese Government Salt Administration in Nationalist territory and I sincerely hope that the latter authorities are correctly reported to be inclining towards the re-instatement of the inspectors and the re-establishment of the legal service.

## The Customs.

The Customs revenue, although so seriously diminished, has sufficed to meet in full its foreign obligations as well as the interest charges of the Consolidated Domestic Loans in the early part of the year being nothing more than a legacy from the time of China's rupture with Germany during the Great War and having nothing directly to do with the current state of affairs. The continued integrity of the Maritime Customs service and its relative immunity from the political and military interference which has fallen other national services (including now the Posts) with such disastrous effects, must be reckoned to China's credit. It implies, at the same time, a tribute to the energy, patience and tact of the members of the staff both foreign and Chinese. The Nationalist Government showed scanty respect for international treaties in their attempt last summer to impose a heavy increase of the conventional duties without the semblance of reference to the foreign Governments concerned. They have, nevertheless, apparently recognised the fact that to sacrifice the magnificent organisation of the Chinese Customs to political motives would be fatal mistake. The position of the Customs Service in a divided China is bound to remain a delicate problem and we can only hope that common sense and patriotism will combine to prevent any rash and disastrous steps which would have the effect of ruining the machinery.

## An Obvious Lesson.

Arising out of the pressing needs of the Peking Government certain attempts at interference with the administration were made early in the year. One of these led up to the regrettable departure of Sir Francis Aglen, who as Inspector General has served China with such conspicuous devotion and ability since the retirement of his great predecessor Sir Robert Hart. His curt treatment by the Government, who employed him provoked much indignation as a regrettable display of ingratitude towards a loyal public servant.

The annual Customs figures are the recognised barometer of China's commercial progress and the sudden drop from the steadily rising curve of many years past will give serious thought to many thousands in China. We must hope that the obvious lesson will not be lost on Chinese, both in the North and the South, but will stimulate a determination to reach some kind of agreement on the disputes which are keeping militarism rampant throughout the country and depriving the people of China of the prosperity which could so easily be within their reach.

If I may venture an opinion as to the most crying need of the country it is that the great middle classes, together with the Nationalist element, in the true sense of the word which exists all over China irrespective of party and clique, should develop a united and practical opposition to the rapacious military tyranny which is holding China in bondage but which is so utterly alien to the native spirit of the country.

## Thanks to Staff.

Before closing I should like, on behalf of the Staff, to express our appreciation to the Staff for the work they have done during the last year which has been one full of difficulties and I feel sure you will approve the decision of your Directors to award them a bonus of 10% on their salaries.

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**BANK MEETING.**

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I now beg to propose that the Report and Statement of Accounts be adopted. After the proposal has been seconded and before the motion is laid before the Meeting, I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions which shareholders may have to ask.

Sir Robert Ho Tung.

Sir Robert Ho Tung said:

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In rising to second the Motion just proposed by Mr. Chairman, I should like first of all, to say that we heartily associate ourselves with the deserved tribute which our Chairman has just paid to our former Chief Manager, Mr. A. H. Barlow. Absolute devotion to duty was, to him, not merely an ideal, but an ever active principle which animated his daily work. His long and faithful record of service to the Bank, and the able manner in which, as Chief Manager, he directed its affairs in the midst of financial stringency and political upheaval, have placed us all under a debt of gratitude to him. We rejoice that he has accepted a seat on the London Consultative Committee, and that his expert knowledge of Eastern Banking conditions will thus continue to be available to this Institution.

Our Chairman has rightly remarked that the Hon. Mr. Hynes is well known to us all, and we feel that in appointing him to the important and responsible position of Chief Manager, our Directors could not have made a sounder choice. Endowed with a wide comprehensive outlook, and equipped with an intimate knowledge of all the banking problems and intricacies, he is the right man in the right place. It is a happy augury—a good "joss"—that the first year of his assumption of his high office should synchronise with the marked improvement in the Colony's affairs generally, as shown by the increase of the Colony's population, by the increase of tonnage of ocean vessels passing through, and above all by the increase in value of the shares of public companies. We join with you, Sir, in wishing him a long and successful tenure of his high office.

**Allocation of Profits.**

It is unnecessary for me to say much on the accounts which have been presented, for they are, as we all must agree, eminently satisfactory, especially having regard to the adverse trading circumstances to which our Chairman has alluded.

We are glad that our Directors, in their allocation of the profits, are following the sound and conservative policy, which is traditional of our Bank, for we feel that it is only by pursuing such a policy that its unrivalled and unshakable solidarity can be maintained.

Our Directors' decision to award the staff a bonus of 10 per cent. on their salaries in recognition of their meritorious work during the last year has our hearty support.

We desire to express our approbation of the characteristically capable and conscientious manner in which our Directors discharged their onerous duties. In view of our Chairman's impending departure from the Colony, we take this opportunity of wishing him a pleasant voyage and every success and prosperity in his new sphere of activities. A man of stolid taste and simplicity of genuine kindness and sympathy, of lofty ideals and vast capacities, courteous and unostentatious, the Hon. Mr. Bernard will be much missed in Hong Kong.

We hope that through the channels of the China Association, the London Consultative Committee of this Corporation and other bodies, the Colony in general, and this Bank in particular, will continue to have the benefit of his valuable services.

**Chinese Railways.**

We have all listened with deep interest to our Chairman's general survey of last year. A comprehensive review of finance, with its kaleidoscopic reactions to political and other conditions, weight in its pronouncement by reason of the informed knowledge it displays, and wide in its geographic scope which is co-extensive with the Bank's world-wide activities, your speech, Sir, will be read with close attention by the Public, and I venture to congratulate you, on your fine effort.

The state of disrepair and neglect of the Chinese Railways and the failure of the Authorities to meet the debt obligations, to which our Chairman has made pointed references, are matters for deep regret. But speaking as a Chinese, I am convinced that the necessity of maintaining and revitalising the potential capacity of railways as an important factor for the development of the country is fully appreciated by the Chinese, and that China, as soon as her financial position permits, will honourably meet all her pecuniary obligations. Time will show that China's word is her bond.

**Result of Communism.**

The picture which our Chairman has drawn of the disastrous results of Communism in, and of the consequences and effects of the present chaotic state of China, is painfully realistic and true. It provides much material for anxious reflection to all true patriots and well-wishers of China.

As regards Communism, there is no doubt to my mind that to those unacquainted with its stern implications, its dangers, its utter futility as an instrument of political remedy, it may exercise an abiding and irresistible appeal. But if the great sufferings inflicted on the mass of innocent people by the recent Red Regime should serve to convince the people of China that Communism is destructive and not constructive, a fatal poison and not a panacea, then such sufferings, terrible and poignant as they were, would not have been endured in vain, for they would become instrumental in eradicating this pernicious doctrine from China.

**Chinese Chaos.**

As regards the existing Chinese political chaos, we should remember that political strife and tumult, with their concomitant dislocation of trade and business, are but incidents to political transitions. Looking at the Republic through the vaster and more detached perspective of World History, I think we should congratulate ourselves that the trade and business are no worse than they are. The progress from lawlessness to Order, from diversity to Unity, must of necessity be slow and tedious, but is nevertheless, as I believe, discernible. There are, I think, already hopeful signs that at all events in this Province of Kwangtung, the political conditions are moving towards an equilibrium, to the untold benefit of its teeming inhabitants. And, bringing our view even closer, I hope and trust that the restoration of friendly relations between Hong Kong and Canton is but a prelude to an era of mutual understanding, mutual respect, stability and prosperity in both places.

Ladies and Gentlemen, the future, though pregnant with anxious and difficult problems, is also full of hope. There is an increasing recognition of the common origin and common destiny of mankind, and this recognition must bring about closer, franker and more friendly different Nationalities, especially between such traditionally friendly peoples as the British and the Chinese. That such co-operation has infinite possibilities for good is evidenced by the ever increasing prosperity of our Corporation.

I have been associated with this Bank for nearly 50 years. I have grown with its growth. Encouraged by His Excellency the Governor's illuminating record of this Colony's progress, already mentioned by our Chairman; confident of the lasting continuance of the co-operation to which I have referred, and looking towards the future with optimism, I wish, and predict for our premier Bank, every success and prosperity.

I have much pleasure in seconding the Report and the Statement of Accounts.

**Report Adopted.**

No question was put. The report and accounts were unanimously adopted. Other business was as follows:

Confirmation of appointments of Mr. C. G. S. Mackie, Mr. A. Macgowan and Mr. N. S. Brown as directors and re-election of the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Mr. A. H. Compton and Mr. W. L. Patten as directors—proposed by the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, seconded by Mr. F. C. Hall.

Re-election of Mr. C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A. and Mr. John Fleming, C.A. as auditors for the ensuing year—proposed by Mr. E. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Henry Humphreys.

The Chairman announced that dividend warrants will be ready on Monday.

**Those Present.**

Those present were—the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard (chairman), Mr. A. H. Compton (deputy-chairman), Mr. H. P. White, T. G. Wend, W. H. Bell, N. S. Brown, C. G. S. Mackie, A. Macgowan (directors) and the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes (chief manager). Shareholders:

Sir Henry Pollock, Sir Robert Ho Tung, and Lady Ho Tung, the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Mr. Henry Humphreys, Mr. E. Davidson, Mr. F. C. Hall, Mr. E. J. Osborne and Mr. E. H. Matthews of the National Bank of Australasia, Ltd., Mr. H. G. Hegarty, Mr. F. H. Pentycross, Mr. C. I. Cookes, Mr. D. J. Lewis, Mr. W. E. Van Eps, Mr. Ho Wing, Mr. J. H. Taggart, Mr. Ho Kom-tong, Mr. Lo Cheung-ip, Mr. Chan Shih-ming, Mr. J. M. McHutchison, Mr. John Arnold, Mr. R. M. Dyer, Mr. K. S. Morrison, Mr. J. D. Kinnaid, Mr. J. E. Joseph, Mr. F. W. Stapleton, Mr. W. E. L. Stanton, Mr. M. Manuk, Mr. R. A. Dastur, Mr. A. Braun, Mr. Mackie, Mr. A. S. Gubbay, Mr. G. Murray, Mr. Lo Cheung-shiu, Mr. E. M. Raymond, Mr. N. V. A. Croucher, Mr. Lo Man-

**HIGH COST.****WORLD'S ARMAMENT SAME AS IN 1913.****"REASONABLE" PROPORTIONS.**

The high cost of arming the world is estimated at about 3,800,000,000 dollars annually, according to "The Index." Of this amount, approximately 2,200,000,000 dollars are spent annually by European countries—practically the same as the 1913 figures. Before the world war from one-third to one-half of the total expenditure of the 14 principal countries were for armament, exclusive of pensions and payment of interest on previous war debts. Within the last few years these military appropriations have reached a more reasonable proportion in relation to total expenditures.

**Particularly True.**

This is particularly true for Germany and the three other European powers whose military activities were curtailed by the Peace Treaties. In 1925, for example, Germany's military expenditures were only 7.3 per cent. of the total cost of Government administration.

While the proportion of Budgetary appropriations for armament has declined, this has not been accompanied by a reduction in the amounts of money actually paid out. In 1925 Japan spent 264 per cent. more for armament than in 1913.

**Greatest Increase.**

This was the greatest relative increase among all the nations, though in actual expenditure Japan was behind the United States, Great Britain and France. The United States increased the 1913 expenditure by 124 per cent., Great Britain by 65 per cent., Italy by 15 per cent., and France by 2 per cent.

These figures are based upon dollar exchange in the year's under consideration, and the slight increase for France is largely explained by the depreciated value of the franc in 1925.

**BOGUS INSPECTOR.****COLLECTS INSURANCE & VANISHES.**

Posing as an inspector for the Ministry of Health, a well-dressed, educated man, aged about thirty-five, has deceived a number of tradesmen in the South London and Croydon districts.

**Preachers out of the Limelight**

"I believe there are many able

preachers in this country, unimportant only because the limelight falls

on a few. Great churches always

select their preachers from men of

world-wide fame. Very few of

them seek to give the unknown a chance. And yet they do not con-

sider how the great preacher in the

most obscure church is to become known."

"It would be better if the church would look out for younger men of merit in the smaller churches. Football and cricket teams know the wisdom of such a policy.

"Unless the Ministry itself holds a high place in the reverence of people great men of special attainments cannot be expected to select the Ministry as their vocation. When the people demand good preaching they will get it."

Dr. Norwood is an Australian. He has been at the City Temple since 1919.

**NOTICE OF REMOVAL.**

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**KIPLING SALE.****1660 FOR FIRST ISSUE OF SHORT STORY.**

\$18,256 TOTAL

New York, Jan. 18.

The concluding session of the sale of rare Kipling first editions at the American Art Galleries last night brought the total for both sessions to \$1,282 dollars (\$18,256).

The feature of the second night's bidding was the competition for rare first editions of stories which first appeared in the "Delineator" magazine, of which only a few copies were printed in book form to protect the copyright. Most of these copyright issues went to Dr. A. S. W. Rosenbach, although the top price for them was set by Mr. William Hill. He gave \$3,300 dollars (\$660) for the story "Cold Iron."

Copyright issues bought by Dr. Rosenbach included "The Conversion of St. Wilfred" for \$1,050 dollars (\$210); "The Tree of Justice," \$1,050 dollars (\$210); "Simple Simon," \$1,100 dollars (\$220); "Brother Square Toes," \$1,250 dollars (\$250); and "The Wrong Thing," \$900 dollars (\$180). Mr. Hill paid \$1,700 dollars (\$340) for a copyright issue of "Priest in Spite of Himself."

Other interesting items of the evening's sale included the original manuscript of "Ford of Kabul River," from "Barrack Room Ballads," for which Mr. James F. Drake gave \$3,900 dollars (\$780), the same buyer paying \$850 dollars (\$170) for the typescript of "Bobs," used by Kipling in preparing the text of the Bombay edition.

Mr. Drake paid \$1,800 dollars (\$360) for the only known English copyright issue of "With the Night Mail," and Dr. Rosenbach gave \$2,250 dollars (\$450) for the only known separate edition of "Seven Nights of Creation."

**HONG KONG HOTEL VISITORS.**

February 22, 1928.

Messrs. W. J. Alexander, E. H. Salive Amorin.

Mr. G. G. Bingham.

Mr. Joseph E. L. Lyons.

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Miss H. Lillie, Mr. Karsten Larsson.

Messrs. N. MacLeod, A. W.

Munro, Mr. and Mrs. H. Miller,

Prof. and Mrs. W. J. Milham, Mrs.

Macfie, Miss M. Moss, Miss B.

Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Priestley,

Misses D. and E. Pockley.

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Messrs. G. C. Shepherd, C.

Spanuth, R. E. Smith.

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**STREET CASUALTIES.****LONDON'S 10,000 CHILD VICTIMS.****A TRAFFIC PERIL.**

Under the heading "Motorists' Child Murders," a Home paper refers to the sad fact that nearly

10,000 London school children were killed and injured in the streets last year. While motorists will sorrow for an unhappy state of affairs they cannot as a body, or individually, accept responsibility for this slaughter of the innocents.

Even in Kuala Lumpur we realise how often the pedestrian is to blame in street accidents and, although it is doubtless true that many children were the victims of callous or careless driving, it is equally certain that as many more run blindly into danger in such a manner as to make it impossible for the motorist to avoid them. Others again, one fears, were indulging in that fascinating but frightfully dangerous game of "last across," always popular in the East End of London and not unknown out here. Child-casualties have been very few in Kuala Lumpur, but all experienced drivers will agree that little credit is due to the care taken by children or the precautions of those who are supposed to look after them. Particularly unfortunate is the prediction for riding on bicycles far too large for them which seems to be indulged by at least 25 per cent. of the small boys in this city.

To return, however, to London. The L.C.C. report on street accidents says that "It is clear from an examination of the statistics that the London child is subjected to much greater risk of accident from traffic than children in other parts of the country."

Analysing the statistics according to population the report reckons that it is three times as dangerous for the London child to be out in the streets as it is for children in the rest of the country. The Education Officer, makes two comments: (1) That a traffic sense should be inculcated in the rising generation and (2) that there should be cautious and responsible use of the London roads by motorists.

Perhaps the traffic sense will come in a generation or two. At present its absence is lamentably conspicuous.

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## UNION CHURCH.

SEATHOLDERS' ANNUAL MEETING.

## PASTOR'S RETIREMENT.

The annual meeting of seat-holders of Union Church, Kennedy Road, was held yesterday, Mr. E. B. Cutley presiding.

Reference was made to the diminution of seat rents and weekly offerings. The question of abolition of seat rents had been raised but it was considered advisable to continue them at any rate for the present. In regard to the accounts, the Chairman pointed out that had it not been for the interest from investments and endowments they would have fared badly last year. It was hoped that some day a more remunerative investment would be found for the Endowment Fund. The Kowloon Building Fund still formed part of the accounts and as the term allowed for the consideration of the suggested site for the Church was almost concluded, steps were being taken to see what is best to do in the present circumstances. Sir Paul's gift was unhampered by any restrictions and therefore it was considered advisable that the Pastor's burough expenses and other necessities of the Church work at Kowloon should be borne by that fund, as is shown in the account.

Reference was made to the impending retirement of the Rev. J. Kirk Macnachie and tribute was paid to him and Mrs. Macnachie for their work during the past fifteen years.

The following officers were elected for the year:—Hon. Secretary, Mr. M. F. Key; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. J. Lamb.

The Committee of Management (with the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer acting on its behalf): Messrs. E. B. Cutley, N. Currie, A. Calvert, E. R. Dovay, J. W. C. Benmar, C. Wilson, P. D. Wilson, C. G. Hickling, P. Stewart, J. Wattie, Dr. E. Kirke and the Rev. H. R. Wells.

Ladies' Committee.—Mrs. J. Kirk Macnachie, Mrs. C. Wilson, Mrs. H. Wilson, Mrs. C. Pryce, Mrs. Muir, Mrs. P. D. Wilson, Mrs. Drummond, Mrs. Calvert, Mrs. Kirke, Mrs. Fleming, Mrs. Nicol and Mrs. McNeillie.

Representatives to the New Territories.—The Rev. J. Horatio Johnstone, Messrs. E. R. Dovay, H. J. Lamb, D. F. Warren, and Mrs. C. C. Hickling.

## BROADCASTING.

INITIAL Y.M.C.A. PROGRAMME LAST NIGHT.

Gramophone pieces, songs, piano solos, topical news, stories and an address by Mr. G. C. Moxon entitled "Hong Kong Re-visited" figured in a radio programme broadcast yesterday under the aegis of the Y.M.C.A. Entertainment Committee.

Reports of residents and institutions tuning-in to the required wavelength have not yet all been received but the initial attempt appears to have met with a fair measure of success.

## SPURIOUS NOTES.

## SERIES OF FORGERIES IN CIRCULATION.

Closed imitations of an old issue of \$5 notes by the Hong Kong office of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation are in circulation.

These bear the 1900 date, and the facsimiles of signatures of Mr. J. R. M. Smith (Chief Manager) and Mr. W. C. Cowan (Chief Accountant). The numbers which have come to light range between A111,000 and A165,000. Colours are deeper than in the genuine notes, especially at the back. The "feel" of the paper is inferior. The letter "A" prefixed to the number in the spurious notes is not in correct alignment.

## MOSCOW WIRELESS.

## STALIN BROADCASTS IN PERSON.

Stockholm, Jan. 12. For some time past Swedish, Danish, and Norwegian wireless listeners, when searching for stations, have frequently heard violent Soviet propaganda in Danish, English, Swedish, and Esperanto.

A floating station on board ship in the Baltic was suspected, but now a Swedish wireless expert has discovered that the messages are sent out from Moscow and Petrograd.

The wave lengths are 450 and 1,450 metres. Two days ago there were for fifteen minutes violently rabid speeches delivered by Stalin himself and many others concerning the deportations of members of the Opposition and glorifying the Soviet regime.

The official statement says that there is broadcasting from Moscow and Petrograd, but alleges that everything is "above-board," which is contradicted by the fact that all the messages are of a strictly propagandist character.

## GOLD BARS.

## ECHO OF THE RECENT ROBBERY.

## ENGINEER IN CUSTODY.

There was an echo at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday of the robbery on board the steam launch "Wo Fat Shing" in Hong Kong harbour on October 12 last, when she was seized by armed men whilst on her way to the s.s. "Prominent" with \$32,000 worth of gold ingots consigned to Saigon. The launch was eventually beached by the robbers at North Point and they got away with the gold.

The man in the dock yesterday was the Chinese engineer of the "Wo Fat Hing," who disappeared immediately after the robbery. He was charged on three counts of being an accessory before the fact by counselling the commitment of the robbery; of harbouring three of the victims of the robbery in a motor car and taking them away from the scene of the crime; and of conspiracy, with others not in custody to steal the gold, the property of the Wo Fat Shing firm.

On the application of Sub-Inspector Dorling who intimated that the accused was arrested in Canton last Wednesday, the Magistrate remanded the accused in police custody, fixing hearing of the case for Friday afternoon next.

## ETONIAN TIES.

## REDUCED TO A BARGAIN BASIS.

London, Jan. 18.

An advertisement which will surely strike at the foundations of the old public school spirit with the axe of economy was published yesterday.

The advertisement ran:—

"Old Etonians.—A marvellous economy. O. E. Ties at 2s. 6d. Sample tie on receipt of postcard."

This intrusion of commercial considerations into the veneration that surrounds all public school ties is surely another unmistakable sign of our degeneration.

Those ties—especially that O.E.—were things to be bought regardless of expense. They were rustling creations of the finest, most sumptuous silk. Now they have been ranked as bargain lines—with common "gents" natty neck-wear!"! The Old Etonian is invited to come in on a good thing! And that good thing is his darling tie—three for seven bob!

**Effect on the Guards.**

The effect of this advertisement on the Brigade of Guards and stockbrokers' offices—stitutions, particularly, which are given tone by the presence of Old Etonians—is likely to be awful.

A new war and a violent fluctuation in Consols are both considered as possibilities. It is understood further that an Old Harrovian in a heavy cavalry regiment intends to ask the next Foot Guards' Old Etonian officer he meets if he can put him on serviceable line in cheap underwear.

The most terrible consequence, however, is that many worthy people who have no connection with Eton will solicit a sample tie with a postcard. They will then buy three ties for seven shillings, and wear them for years.

It is anticipated that the only way of being taken for an Old Etonian in the near future will be to wear no tie at all.

## NOVEL BARRED.

## FAMOUS AUTHOR NOT TO BE READ.

Paris, Jan. 18.

Astonishment has been caused in Paris by the announcement that, on advice from the Vatican, Roman Catholics in France are forbidden to read the works of M. Marcel Prevost, the famous novelist and dramatist.

This action has been taken by a vigilance committee, of which the Archbishop of Paris is president.

One of the banned books is M. Prevost's recent novel, "La Retraite Ardente."

M. Prevost, when asked to comment on the action of the vigilance committee, replied: "How many books could be classified as 'good books' in the sense that they were fit for everybody to read?"

A B.I.U.P. message states that the works have not been put on the Index Expurgatorius, but have been placed under an interdict, on the ground, that they "constitute a danger to the faithful."

The official statement says that the evil done by the banned works is aggravated by the fact that they "mix a false mysticism by combining immodest love with a kind of piety towards God, making a morbid sensuality pass under cover of the 'things of God.'

## AT POTSDAM.

## THE TRAVELLER SEES THREE OLD BOATS.

## A STRANGE TRIO.

Berlin lies in a country of sand and heather, firwood and lake. All summer through it is crowded with campers and boating parties; but with the arrival of winter the boats are beached and the woods deserted. The silence is broken only by the hoarse voices of the tugs taking the barges a stage further on their long journey from South Germany to the sea.

On the island of Potsdam, within sight of the roofs of the empty yachting cap guards the boats of his clients, in one of his sheds three upturned keels lie side by side. One is a Bob Roy canoe built at Spandau. The second, a heavy white rowing boat, is sixty years old, and first saw service as a pleasure boat on Windermere. The third is lightly built and brightly varnished—it was built at Eton by Doctor Warre in 1901.

The present owner had a boat-house that was too short for the standard boat of the type he wanted, so he took the advice of an English relative and placed his order at Eton. The headmaster, a rowing enthusiast, had a desire to experiment with a specially short boat, and was delighted to find a purchaser who seemed to humour his fad. He gave the construction his particular attention, and produced a fine craft just suiting German requirements. It is designed for that curious combination, two rowers and one sculler, and is also adapted for sailing before the wind.

So there they lie, this strangely assorted trio, in the half-light of the Potadam boathouse. A funny little Rob Roy that has never been out of Prussian waters, a dim white ghost from the hills of Westmoreland, and a long, straight keel laid to the rudder of a huge man with a rumbling voice, where a kindlier river sweeps round another seat of Royalty. One wonders what they thought of the time when for four sad years they were left uncared for, when long trails of barges were the only traffic on the winding waterways beneath the firwoods—"London Daily News."

## Shadows Before.

## COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL".

## TO-DAY—QUEEN'S THEATRE; "LOVERS."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Lovers."

To-day—Star Theatre; "The Road To Yesterday."

To-day—World Theatre; "Altars of Desire."

To-day—Craignawer Cricket Club's annual Bachelors' Dance.

February 26-27—Queen's Theatre; "There You Are."

February 26-27—World Theatre; "Lovers."

February 26-27—Chinese Drama "The Romance of a Star."

February 26-27—Star Theatre; "Blarney."

February 28-29—Queen's Theatre; "The Sid Show of Life."

February 28-29—World Theatre; "The Great Love."

February 28-29—Chinese Drama "The Romance of a Star."

February 28-29—Star Theatre; "Fascinating Youth."

February 27—Sixth Dancing display by Miss Violet Capell's Pupils, Queen's Theatre; 5 p.m.

February 29—Star Theatre; Dancing display by the Pupils of Miss V. Capell, 9.15 p.m.

March 1-3—Queen's Theatre; "The Scarlet Letter."

March 1-3—World Theatre; "The Confession of a Queen."

March 1-3—Star Theatre; "Introduce Me."

March 8—Musicals at Helena May Institute.

## Sports.

To-day—First Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley.

March 3—"American" lawn tennis tournament (mixed doubles) for members of the Ladies' Recreation Club, 2.30 p.m.

March 3—Final Hunt steeplechase (Spring meeting).

March 6—R. H. K. Golf Club (Ladies' Section) medal competition.

March 11—Sixth extra race meeting, Macao Race Club.

March 14—Ninth bi-annual race for ship's life boats ("Trevose" Trophy) starting at 4 p.m.

March 20—R. H. K. Golf Club (Ladies' Section) bogey competition, New Course, Fanling.

Lammert's Auctions.

To-day—At Godown No. 18, H.K. & K. Whf. & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, miscellaneous goods, 11 a.m.

February 27—At Sales Room, Duddell St.; Cameras, Red Seal Records, etc., etc., 2.30 p.m.

February 27—At Sales Room, Duddell St., Jewellery, 2.30 p.m.

February 27—At 5, Armend Bldg., (Ground Floor), Kimberley Rd., Kowloon, valuable household furniture, 11 a.m.

February 27—At Sales Room, Duddell Street, Silver and plated ware, 2.30 p.m.

February 28—At 25 Humphreys Bldg., Hanover Rd., Kowloon, household furniture, 2.45 p.m.

February 29—At Sales Room, Duddell St., provisions, wines etc., etc., 10 a.m.

Hughes & Hough's Auction.

March 1—At Auction Room, Ice House Street, valuable household property situated in Peak District, 3 p.m.

## Meetings.

To-day—Ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders in the Hong Kong & Shanghai Corporation, at City Hall, noon.

February 27—The Hong Kong Tramways Limited, hold yearly meeting at Messrs. Jardine's offices at noon.

February 29—Forty-first annual meeting of the H.K. & K. Whf. & Godown Co., Ltd., Messrs. Jardine's, noon.

March 10—Thirty-second yearly meeting of shareholders in the Dalby Farm Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd., 2, Lower Albert Road, noon.

March 16—Thirty-ninth general meeting of the H.K. Electric & Co., Ltd., Company's offices, P. & O. Bldg., noon.

February 27—Presentation to Commander G. B. Hartford, R.N., at Hotel Savoy, 5 p.m.

February 28—Sir Shou-son Chow and Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall entertain Sir Miles Lampson, K.C.M.G., in China Merchants' Club.

February 29—Mrs. Russell-Brown distributes prizes and certificates at the Diocesan Girls' School, Kowloon, 5 p.m.

March 1—Annual dinner of members of St. David's Society, Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 8 p.m.

March 5—H.E. the Governor formally opens King's College, Bonham Rd., 3 p.m.

March 6—Distribution of prizes at St. Paul's Institute, Causeway Bay, by Lady Clementi, 4 p.m.

March 6—Annual Inspection of St. John Ambulance Brigade by H.E. the Governor, Murray Parade Ground, 5.15 p.m.

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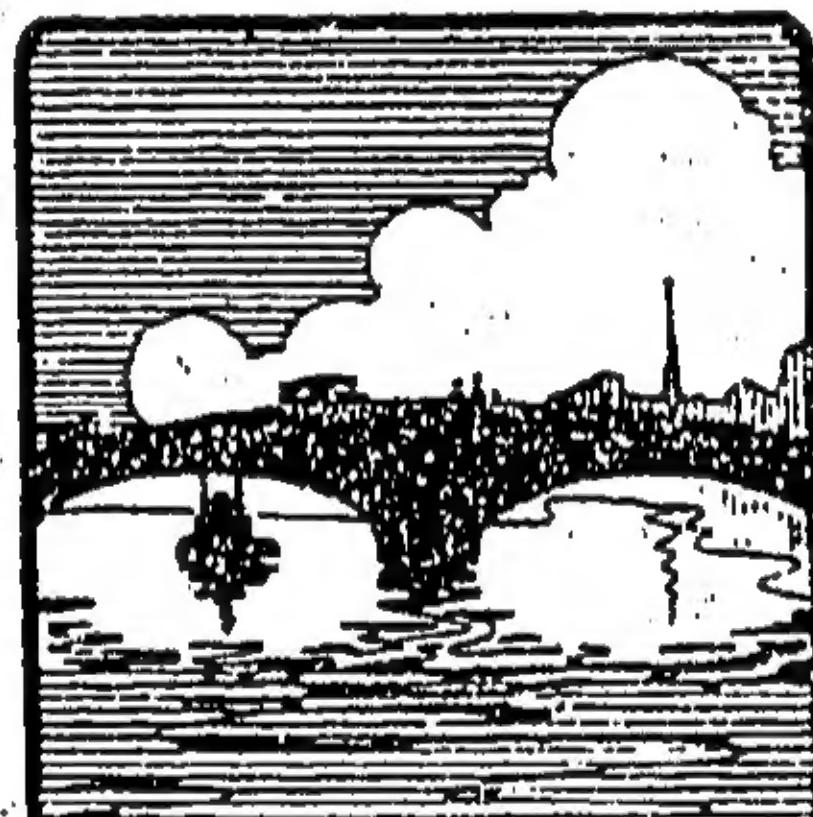
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### LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The bachelors' of Cralengower Cricket Club will hold their annual dance at the Club to-night.

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Mr. F. Morris, assistant master at Priory Grove School, Clapham, has retired after 49 years' service.

Mr. J. M. McHutchon of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire returned to the Colony yesterday on the "Empress of Russia."

John Fitzpatrick, Bermondsey's oldest inhabitant, whose age was said to be 102, died suddenly at Eckett-Street, Bermondsey.

Mount Collinson Forestry Reserve has been declared a prohibited area with a view to the protection of afforestation operations.

The second dancing performance at the Queen's Theatre by Miss Violet Capell and her pupils will be given on Monday, at 5 p.m.

Latest mail news from Home announces that Lady Lugard's condition shows some improvement after an illness of a few weeks.

Mr. Harold Ezekiel Brandon, K.C., of 54, Elsham Road, Kensington, W., left the whole of his property, amounting to £49,105, to his mother.

As Mrs. Lorraine England, of Plymouth, sat nursing her two-months-old child, a bull flew out of the fire. It destroyed the sight of her right eye.

Sir Edward Forsythe, Messrs. W. Shakespeare, W. Moir and W. Forsythe, members of the Council of the Rubber Growers' Association, are to visit the Far East.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kilburn, of the Hill Inn, Chapel-le-Dale, Ingliston, Yorkshire, were killed when their motor-car crashed into a ditch at the foot of a hill and overturned.

Cables from Home report that Mr. Philip Tobias, father of the founder and proprietor of Messrs. N. Lazarus, has passed away at his residence in Maida Vale, London, at the age of 80 years.

Members of the Police Reserve are reminded of the engagement at Hotel Savoy at 6 p.m. on Monday when they take tea with Commander G. B. Hartford, R.N. (retired), the former Adjutant.

Captain A. Joynson-Wreford, a nephew of Sir W. Joynson-Hicks, the Home Secretary, won a tame goose in a Christmas draw in Paris and brought it to London in an Imperial Airways machine.

Mr. W. Dobbie, of York, is retiring from the office of president of the National Union of Railwaymen, after three years in that position. He is succeeded by Mr. Joseph Gore, Kentish Town.

H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi) and Lady Clementi went to Macao to-day where they will be guests of the Governor of Macao till to-morrow. The visit is of a private and personal nature.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Henry William George Ballobidge, No. 10, Club Chambers, Takkoo Dock, and Miss Gertrude Charlotte Fullbrook, No. 5, Leighton Hill Road, Happy Valley.

Mr. Charles Seymour, 58, of Bond Street, Mitcham, Surrey, an employee of the Air Ministry, who had been missing for a month, was found unconscious at Hull and on recovering was found to have lost his memory.

Mr. W. H. Morgan, Senior Executive Engineer, P.W.D., F.M.S., returned from Home furlough by the "Kashmir." Mr. G. B. Linford, Assistant Commissioner of Police, F.M.S., got back by the "Mantu" on Feb. 23.

Mr. Robert Highett, chairman of East Indian Railway Co., and managing director of H.E.H. the Nizam's Guaranteed Railway Co., went Home on the "Mantu" at the same time as Major-General Sir John Duncan.

By the death of Mr. Henry Smith, the Jewish Board of Guardians in London has lost its senior official. Mr. Smith, who was 67, had been connected with the Board for many years, and some time ago received a presentation in recognition of his services. He was an authority on social problems in the East End.

To-morrow is the First Sunday in Lent.

Mr. J. F. Miller was one of the residents who returned to Hong Kong yesterday on the "Empress of Russia."

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Principal of the firm which bears his name, Mr. W. A. Hannibal returned to Hong Kong, after being away on holiday and arrived yesterday with Mrs. Hannibal. Mr. Hannibal has taken a prominent part in the Philharmonic Society's productions, and is an expert on China produce.

The forthcoming marriage is announced to take place at St. John's Cathedral on April 7, between Mr. Cameron de Salle Robertson, of Hong Kong, and Miss Edith Yates Rowlands, youngest daughter of the late Herbert Rowlands and Mrs. Mildred Rowlands, of Carmarthen, Wales, and Sydney, N.S.W., Australia.

The Chapel "Citizens" Association to Render Protection to National Rights has issued a notification to tenants in alleys along the North Seacow Road, Chinese territory, Shanghai, to remove the number plates of the Shanghai Municipal Council, and Chinese authorities be requested to put up their number plates.

Warder J. C. Pratt has been seconded for service under the Government of Johore.

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Principal of the firm which bears his name, Mr. W. A. Hannibal returned to Hong Kong, after being away on holiday and arrived yesterday with Mrs. Hannibal. Mr. Hannibal has taken a prominent part in the Philharmonic Society's productions, and is an expert on China produce.

The forthcoming marriage is announced to take place at St. John's Cathedral on April 7, between Mr. Cameron de Salle Robertson, of Hong Kong, and Miss Edith Yates Rowlands, youngest daughter of the late Herbert Rowlands and Mrs. Mildred Rowlands, of Carmarthen, Wales, and Sydney, N.S.W., Australia.

The Chapel "Citizens" Association to Render Protection to National Rights has issued a notification to tenants in alleys along the North Seacow Road, Chinese territory, Shanghai, to remove the number plates of the Shanghai Municipal Council, and Chinese authorities be requested to put up their number plates.

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The beans were counted at the Peking Theatre on Saturday morning, February 11th, at 11 o'clock in the presence of the judges: Mr. A. J. Hughes, Mr. U. S. Harkiss (representing Mr. George McCarthy), Mr. T. C. Chang and Mr. Wm. Yinson Lee.

There were 4,709 entries.

The number of beans in the bottle was 1,956.

Five persons guessed this number and they will share the \$500 prize, each to receive \$100. They are:

Coupon No. L3194 Mr. Woo Shun-sung, 1207 Meng-tsia Lung, Woosung Road, Shanghai.

" L8576 Dr. Chang Yi-tsal, Hau-tsu-tsang Hong Wuhs.

" L8437 Mr. Yu Tsing, 15 Cheng-hsing Lee, New Canton St., Chapel.

" L1188 Mr. Chen Yu-tong, c/o Wing On Co., Shanghai.

" L6435 Mr. Hsia Chi-ching, c/o Hsia Tei Hsing Co., Seward Road, Shanghai.

Twenty persons guessed numbers within ten above the correct number—1957 to 1966 inclusive—and will share \$250, each to receive \$12.50. Their coupons are:

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**Sport Columns**
**CHARITY SOCCER.**ATHLETIC & RECREO v.  
ROYAL NAVY.

## TO-MORROW'S MATCH.

A charity football match will be played to-morrow afternoon on the Hong Kong Football Club ground at 4 p.m. between a combined team of selected players of the Club de Recreo and the Chinese Athletic Association against the Royal Navy.

This match is under the joint auspices of the Club de Recreo and Chinese Athletic Association and the proceeds in aid of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and Chinese charities.

Recreo won the league championship last season. This season the Athletic are leading and have not lost a match in the league.

The Hong Kong Football Association has donated a ball for the match and it will be auctioned at half-time. Mr. W. E. Hollands will referee.

Tentative line-up of the teams:—Chinese Athletic and Recreo: Paul Ka-ping; Ng Kam-chuen, Lau Yuk-tat; Xavier, Wong Shui-wa, Lam Yuk-ying; Tso Kwai-shing, Rocha, Gosoano, Suen Kam-shun, Chan Kwong-iu.

Royal Navy: Tomkins (Tern); McCormick (Carlisle), Appa (Carlisle); Leonard (Tamar), Cunliff (Seraph), Tooley (Ambrose); Jones (Petrel), Wilcox (Marathon), Northey (Ambrose), Lennard (Carlisle), Jones (Seraph).

**RIFLE MATCHES.**

## H.M.S. "TAMAR'S" TREBLE VICTORY.

## LOCAL LEAGUE FIXTURES.

H.M.S. "Tamar," the 2nd Batt. Scots Guards and H.M.S. "Carlisle" have fired off their fixtures in the local Rifle League. The 8th Destroyer Flotilla fired at the same time, but as a friendly fixture. The result was a treble win for the "Tamar," a double win for 8th Flotilla and a win for 2nd Batt. Scots Guards. Scores:

H.M.S. "Tamar" 200 500 600 Total, P.O. Greening . . . . . 30 31 27 88 C.P.O. Gully . . . . . 34 34 28 96 Sgt. Riddler . . . . . 29 28 23 85 Sgt. Hillaby . . . . . 27 29 30 86 Mne. Counter . . . . . 34 27 24 85 Cpl. Burnett . . . . . 30 30 27 87 Sgt. Bishop . . . . . 25 26 24 75 A.B. Rigby . . . . . 29 33 30 92

Total . . . . . 238 238 218 694  
Plus 4% for open sights 20

Grand Total . . . . . 714  
8th Destroyer Flotilla 200 500 600 Total,

Lt. Berry . . . . . 21 28 23 85 Ch. Sto. Black . . . . . man . . . . . 31 20 19 70 C.P.O. Best . . . . . 30 29 25 84 S.E.A. Swinger . . . . . 25 25 30 80 A.B. Haimer . . . . . 31 30 30 91 C.P.O. Kent . . . . . 30 34 28 92 L.S. Seymour . . . . . 31 31 30 92 A.M. McGlashan . . . . . 30 28 32 90

Total . . . . . 237 225 222 684  
Plus 4% for open sights 23

Grand Total . . . . . 707  
2nd Scots Guards 200 500 600 Total,

R.S.M. Murray . . . . . 31 32 28 91 Sgt. Blakeley . . . . . 28 34 24 86 C.S.M. Proven . . . . . 29 31 31 91 Sgt. Sluter . . . . . 28 31 28 82 Sgt. Quinn . . . . . 27 31 33 91 Sgt. Ley . . . . . 28 29 32 89 Sgt. Jeffreys . . . . . 30 31 27 88 Ppr. Taylor . . . . . 27 34 26 87

Total . . . . . 223 255 229 705 H.M.S. "Carlisle" 200 500 600 Total,

Lt. Foster-Hall . . . . . 25 27 15 67 Mr. Chandler . . . . . 31 33 29 93 C.E.R.A. Sellars . . . . . 28 24 17 69 P.O. King . . . . . 21 23 24 68 Sgt. Woolward . . . . . 24 30 26 80 Sto. Forward . . . . . 24 26 26 76 Mne. Masters . . . . . 27 22 27 76 Mne. Mitchell . . . . . 27 22 21 70

Total . . . . . 207 207 185 599  
Plus 4% for open sights 14

Grand Total . . . . . 613

**WEEK-END YACHTING.**

The following is the programme of week-end yachting events arranged by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club:

To-day.—Race for the racing yachts for the Presented Cups—Course: Channel Rocks (P), Cuit Rock Buoy (P), Mark on Line (P), Distance 8.1 miles.

To-morrow.—Race for cruisers for Presented Cups—Course: Discovery Bay Islets (S), Stonecutters Island (S), Mark on Line (P), Channel Rocks or reef if necessary. Distance 22.2 miles.

**STEEPLECHASES.**

## FANLING HUNT ENTRIES FOR MARCH 3.

## SPRING MEET, SIX RACES.

A departure will be made from the ordinary at the spring steeplechase meeting of the Fanling Hunt, at Kwantin (in the New Territories), on Saturday, March 3, when there will be six races instead of five as usual. Entries have closed and are—with the weights allotted in the handicaps—as follow:

Race 1—3 p.m., Dowbiggin Cup Handicap, about 1½ miles:—Mr. Macnamara's James Pigg 178 lbs, Mr. Edie's Eze 165, Dr. Durran's Drake 165, Mr. Watson's Vincent 164, Mr. Beck's Strathlorne 162, Lt. Col. L. G. Bird's, Smart Guy 162, Mr. Backhouse's Sheila 168.

Race 2, March Maiden Stake, about 1 mile:—Mr. Shillington's Ace of Spades, Mr. Sewell's Circe, Mr. Crabbe's Gold Medal, Mr. Reidy's Grande Del Norte, Mr. Sudden's Grey Mist, Dr. Anderson's Honeymoon, Mr. Macnamara's Lord Scampendale, Messrs. Usher & Reidy's Macao Beauty, Mr. Barnes' Pekin, Mr. Erskine's Rupert, Lt. Com. Heaton's Safety First, Mrs. Paterson's Scooter, Mr. Crabbe's Seal Tax, Lt. Col. Hayley Bell's Shady Joe, Mr. Richardson's Silver Fox (late Sagamore), Messrs. Stanton & Reidy's Tarzan, Messrs. Usher & Crabbe's Warrington, Mr. Durlacher's Yellow Shadow, Mrs. Dyer's Yorks.

Race 3, Hartford Cup, about 1½ miles:—Mr. Bolton's Arterxers, Mr. Watson's Blotting Paper, Mr. Maas's Cavaliere, Messrs. Dyer & Reidy's San Diego 166 lbs, Messrs. Hackett Pain & Morgan's Vesuvius 161, Mr. Maas's Cavaliere 159, Mr. Bolton's Arterxers 158, Mr. Watson's Blotting Paper 158, Messrs. Dyer & Reidy's Loch Rannoch, Messrs. Usher & Reidy's Macao Beauty, Mr. Hee Cheong's Man of War, Mr. Maas's More Better, Mr. Usher's Mowgli, Mr. Backhouse's Nimrod, Mr. Barnes' Pekin, Mr. Drummond Moray's Aberteichan, Mr. Erskine's Althambra, Mr. Usher's Castle, Mr. Maas's Cavaliere, Mr. Dyer's Yorks.

Race 4, March Handicap, about 1½ miles:—Messrs. Stanton & Reidy's San Diego 166 lbs, Messrs. Hackett Pain & Morgan's Vesuvius 161, Mr. Maas's Cavaliere 159, Mr. Bolton's Arterxers 158, Mr. Watson's Blotting Paper 158, Messrs. Dyer & Reidy's Loch Rannoch, Messrs. Usher & Reidy's Macao Beauty, Mr. Hee Cheong's Man of War, Mr. Maas's More Better, Mr. Usher's Mowgli, Mr. Backhouse's Nimrod, Mr. Barnes' Pekin, Mr. Drummond Moray's Aberteichan, Mr. Erskine's Althambra, Mr. Usher's Castle, Mr. Maas's Cavaliere, Mr. Dyer's Yorks.

Race 5, Scott Guards Regimental Race, about 2½ miles over natural country, finishing round the steeplechase course:—Mr. Drummond Moray's Aberteichan, Mr. Erskine's Althambra, Mr. Usher's Castle, Mr. Maas's Cavaliere, Mr. Dyer's Yorks.

Race 6, Moderate Plate, about 7 furlongs:—Mr. Drummond Moray's Aberteichan, Mr. Shillington's Ace of Spades, Mr. Erskine's Althambra, Mr. Bolton's Arterxers, Mr. Watson's Blotting Paper, Mr. Usher's Castle, Mr. Maas's Cavaliere, Mr. Dyer's Yorks.

Race 7, Moderate Plate, about 7 furlongs:—Mr. Drummond Moray's Aberteichan, Mr. Erskine's Althambra, Mr. Bolton's Arterxers, Mr. Watson's Blotting Paper, Mr. Usher's Castle, Mr. Maas's Cavaliere, Mr. Dyer's Yorks.

Race 8, Moderate Plate, about 7 furlongs:—Mr. Drummond Moray's Aberteichan, Mr. Erskine's Althambra, Mr. Bolton's Arterxers, Mr. Watson's Blotting Paper, Mr. Usher's Castle, Mr. Maas's Cavaliere, Mr. Dyer's Yorks.

Race 9, Moderate Plate, about 7 furlongs:—Mr. Drummond Moray's Aberteichan, Mr. Erskine's Althambra, Mr. Bolton's Arterxers, Mr. Watson's Blotting Paper, Mr. Usher's Castle, Mr. Maas's Cavaliere, Mr. Dyer's Yorks.

Race 10, Moderate Plate, about 7 furlongs:—Mr. Drummond Moray's Aberteichan, Mr. Erskine's Althambra, Mr. Bolton's Arterxers, Mr. Watson's Blotting Paper, Mr. Usher's Castle, Mr. Maas's Cavaliere, Mr. Dyer's Yorks.

Race 11, Moderate Plate, about 7 furlongs:—Mr. Drummond Moray's Aberteichan, Mr. Erskine's Althambra, Mr. Bolton's Arterxers, Mr. Watson's Blotting Paper, Mr. Usher's Castle, Mr. Maas's Cavaliere, Mr. Dyer's Yorks.

Race 12, Moderate Plate, about 7 furlongs:—Mr. Drummond Moray's Aberteichan, Mr. Erskine's Althambra, Mr. Bolton's Arterxers, Mr. Watson's Blotting Paper, Mr. Usher's Castle, Mr. Maas's Cavaliere, Mr. Dyer's Yorks.

Race 13, Moderate Plate, about 7 furlongs:—Mr. Drummond Moray's Aberteichan, Mr. Erskine's Althambra, Mr. Bolton's Arterxers, Mr. Watson's Blotting Paper, Mr. Usher's Castle, Mr. Maas's Cavaliere, Mr. Dyer's Yorks.

Race 14, Moderate Plate, about 7 furlongs:—Mr. Drummond Moray's Aberteichan, Mr. Erskine's Althambra, Mr. Bolton's Arterxers, Mr. Watson's Blotting Paper, Mr. Usher's Castle, Mr. Maas's Cavaliere, Mr. Dyer's Yorks.

Race 15, Moderate Plate, about 7 furlongs:—Mr. Drummond Moray's Aberteichan, Mr. Erskine's Althambra, Mr. Bolton's Arterxers, Mr. Watson's Blotting Paper, Mr. Usher's Castle, Mr. Maas's Cavaliere, Mr. Dyer's Yorks.

Race 16, Moderate Plate, about 7 furlongs:—Mr. Drummond Moray's Aberteichan, Mr. Erskine's Althambra, Mr. Bolton's Arterxers, Mr. Watson's Blotting Paper, Mr. Usher's Castle, Mr. Maas's Cavaliere, Mr. Dyer's Yorks.

Race 17, Moderate Plate, about 7 furlongs:—Mr. Drummond Moray's Aberteichan, Mr. Erskine's Althambra, Mr. Bolton's Arterxers, Mr. Watson's Blotting Paper, Mr. Usher's Castle, Mr. Maas's Cavaliere, Mr. Dyer's Yorks.

Race 18, Moderate Plate, about 7 furlongs:—Mr. Drummond Moray's Aberteichan, Mr. Erskine's Althambra, Mr. Bolton's Arterxers, Mr. Watson's Blotting Paper, Mr. Usher's Castle, Mr. Maas's Cavaliere, Mr. Dyer's Yorks.

Race 19, Moderate Plate, about 7 furlongs:—Mr. Drummond Moray's Aberteichan, Mr. Erskine's Althambra, Mr. Bolton's Arterxers, Mr. Watson's Blotting Paper, Mr. Usher's Castle, Mr. Maas's Cavaliere, Mr. Dyer's Yorks.

Race 20, Moderate Plate, about 7 furlongs:—Mr. Drummond Moray's Aberteichan, Mr. Erskine's Althambra, Mr. Bolton's Arterxers, Mr. Watson's Blotting Paper, Mr. Usher's Castle, Mr. Maas's Cavaliere, Mr. Dyer's Yorks.

Race 21, Moderate Plate, about 7 furlongs:—Mr. Drummond Moray's Aberteichan, Mr. Erskine's Althambra, Mr. Bolton's Arterxers, Mr. Watson's Blotting Paper, Mr. Usher's Castle, Mr. Maas's Cavaliere, Mr. Dyer's Yorks.

Race 22, Moderate Plate, about 7 furlongs:—Mr. Drummond Moray's Aberteichan, Mr. Erskine's Althambra, Mr. Bolton's Arterxers, Mr. Watson's Blotting Paper, Mr. Usher's Castle, Mr. Maas's Cavaliere, Mr. Dyer's Yorks.

Race 23, Moderate Plate, about 7 furlongs:—Mr. Drummond Moray's Aberteichan, Mr. Erskine's Althambra, Mr. Bolton's Arterxers, Mr. Watson's Blotting Paper, Mr. Usher's Castle, Mr. Maas's Cavaliere, Mr. Dyer's Yorks.

Race 24, Moderate Plate, about 7 furlongs:—Mr. Drummond Moray's Aberteichan, Mr. Erskine's Althambra, Mr. Bolton's Arterxers, Mr. Watson's Blotting Paper, Mr. Usher's Castle, Mr. Maas's Cavaliere, Mr. Dyer's Yorks.

Race 25, Moderate Plate, about 7 furlongs:—Mr. Drummond Moray's Aberteichan, Mr. Erskine's Althambra, Mr. Bolton's Arterxers, Mr. Watson's Blotting Paper, Mr. Usher's Castle, Mr. Maas's Cavaliere, Mr. Dyer's Yorks.

Race 26, Moderate Plate, about 7 furlongs:—Mr. Drummond Moray's Aberteichan, Mr. Erskine's Althambra, Mr. Bolton's Arterxers, Mr. Watson's Blotting Paper, Mr. Usher's Castle, Mr. Maas's Cavaliere, Mr. Dyer's Yorks.

**FANLING GOLF.**

## R.H.K.G.C. TEEING-OFF TIMES.

## PLAYERS TO-MORROW.

Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times at Fanling to-morrow are:

9.24 a.m. T. D. E. Pendered, L. G. S. Dodwell.

9.23 " R. Young, R. K. Valentine, D. C. Bruce, A. D. Humphreys.

9.36 " M. M. Maas, F. Syme Thomson.

9.40 " H. D. Browne, T. G. Weall.

9.44 " W. A. Butterfield, W. K. Tait.

9.48 " A. R. Cox, W. C. Clark.

9.52 " A. O. Brown, E. des Voeux.

9.56 " M. D. G. Hoare, W. A. Weight.

10.00 " E. C. Frederick, S. A. Arthur.

10.04 " G. J. Johnson, H. G. Hegarty.

10.08 " E. R. Hallifax, E. D. Matthews.

10.12 " C. P. Ross, H. E. Standage.

10.16 " Major Lynch, B. D. Evans.

10.20 " E. Davidson, Capt. Palmer.

10.24 " H. Spicer, J. Thayer.

10.28 " A. Ritchie, D. Forbes.

10.32 " L. Yates, H. A. Lammert.

10.36 " D. J. Valentine, W. K. Duncombe.

10.40 " G. Murray, L. R. Andrews.

10.44 " D. M. Goodall, A. A. Morley.

10.48 " G. E. Ellams, C. B. Brown.

10.52 " A. Leach, F. H. Crapnell.

10.56 " S. T. Butlin, F. Cowhard.

11.00 " D. J. Gilmore, J. Cameron.

11.04 " A. H. Rickett, A. Sommerfelt.

11.08 " A. B. Purves, T. Ramsay.

11.12 " E. P. Fletcher, Capt. Kennedy.

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**MAN-HUNT.**

**CHASE AND CAPTURE IN VICTORIA SUBWAY.**

**'PHONE BOX ALARM.**

An exciting chase after a man in the subway leading from Victoria (Underground) Station to the Southern Railway Company's termini and a rough-and-tumble among a crowd of hurrying people, ending in the man's capture occurred recently.

A young woman went into one of the telephone booths in the Underground booking-hall, and putting her handbag on the ledge provided for the purpose, was speaking when a well-dressed man stealthily put his arm inside the door, snatched the bag, and made off.

It happened that he was being watched by a railway porter and a detective, owing to complaints of similar thefts elsewhere, and they promptly chased him through the subway. He doubled and dodged among the passers-by, of whom there is usually good many during the evening, and with the help of several of them the detective and the porter ran him down.

It was some time before the excitement passed, as there were screams from women and shouts from men as they were hustled about during the chase, but the man was eventually handed over to a member of the Metropolitan Police Force. He was afterwards charged with theft.

**A SILK COAT.**

**SMUGGLING CHARGE AFTER PARIS VISIT.**

Miss Betty E. Stockfeld, of Balham Place, South Kensington, an actress, was accused at Lewes of the fraudulent evasion of the Customs duty on a silk embroidered coat, nine silk handkerchiefs, and two silk handbags, which she had brought from Paris.

A penalty of £18 15s. 6d. and 5 guineas costs was imposed—payment to be made within a month.

Mr. Gibson said that it was an ordinary case of smuggling and that the Customs claimed £100, treble value, and duty of the goods.

When Miss Stockfeld landed at Newhaven from Dieppe on October 26 she declared seven pairs of gloves and a small quantity of perfume spirits.

The coat, which she had bought in Paris for 3,000 francs (£24), was found in her suitcase. She said that it was for her own use, and that she had worn it once.

Mr. Carpenter, for the defence, said that Miss Stockfeld was a young actress. She was invited to go to Paris by Ellen Menkin, an American actress. In Paris Miss Menkin ordered the goods for her professional business in America. They were not delivered in time and she asked Miss Stockfeld to bring them to England so that she could take them in the Olympic.

**FORMER WIFE.**

**FORTUNE FOR 8-YEAR-OLD SON OF LORD CATHCART.**

George, fifth Earl Cathcart, who died in November last, aged 66, has left estate of the value of £209,295.

The will is provided by Coln Walter Campbell, of 1, Pall Mall East, S. W., and Major Archibald John Angus Douglas, of the Caledonian Club Charles Street, St. James's. He gives £500 a year in trust for his former wife, £1,000 to C. W. Campbell, £250 to Archibald John A. Douglas, and the residue of the property in trust for his son, the present earl, who is eight years of age.

In the event of the failure of these trusts, the ultimate residue is to be held in trust for his sister, Lady Cecilia Rose, for life, and then in trust for his niece, Dorothy Leigh Howard, and her children. Earl Cathcart divorced his wife in 1922, citing the Earl of Craven as co-respondent.

Lord Cathcart's marriage, in 1919, to Vera, widow of Captain de Grey Warter, 4th Dragon Guards, surprised society, as he was regarded as a confirmed bachelor.

The news of his death, it was reported, came as a blow to his former wife, who at the time was suffering from heart trouble.

**ACQUITTED BY COURT.**

William Thomas Lilburn (41), an employee of the Westminster City Council, was charged on remand at Bow Street Police Court with stealing £33 belonging to a sick and loan club conducted by scavengers and minor employees of the Council.

After hearing Mrs. Lilburn and another witness for the defence, the Magistrate said that upon the evidence he did not think it would be right to convict, and he ordered Lilburn to be discharged.

**MANGER PROFANE.**

**BLOODSHED IN BETHLEHEM.**

**PRIEST AT BLOWS.**

A quarrel between a number of priests, ending in the shedding of blood on the manger of Christ at Bethlehem, is reported in Rome by the "Corriere d'Italia," a newspaper especially identified with Roman Catholic Church news. Unseen wrangling over the arrangement of time-tables between members of the various cults entitled to conduct services in the holy places is unfortunately no new thing, but the latest profanity is almost beyond belief.

The affair is reported from Bethlehem in considerable detail, and the following is a summary of the story as described from the point of view of the correspondent of the "Corriere d'Italia."

The Franciscans enjoy an ancient privilege of celebrating Mass before the holy manger on Christmas Day and Epiphany until five o'clock in the afternoon. The struggle began at Christmas, when priests of the Greek Church; it is alleged, reviled the Franciscans during the conclusion of Mass, snatching and breaking candles held in the hands of the Roman priests as they were about to place them on the altar table.

Candlesticks as Weapons.

The intervention of the British authorities led to apologies from the Greeks to the Latin priests, but the fires were not spent and broke out again on the morning of the vigil of Epiphany.

On this occasion a Franciscan friar was threatened by two Greek priests armed with candlesticks, and, failing to make the friar leave the holy shrine, it is alleged that they struck him down with these ornaments, so that he fell bleeding before the manger. His cries brought another Franciscan to the scene, who is likewise said to have been felled, while yet another met with the same reception. By this time the civic guard arrived on the scene, but, seeing the blood-spattered shrine, retired for reinforcements.

The authorities demanded "usual apologies" from the Greeks, but the Italian and Spanish Consuls—one of the friars was a Portuguese, whose interests are looked after by Spain—are taking up the matter for the protection of Catholic rights.

The trouble, it appears, had its origin in the clashing of worship time-tables.

**ELBOW TROUBLE.**

**WHERE OSTEOPATHS BEAT MEDICAL MEN.**

"Tennis elbow" is referred to by Mr. G. Percival Mills, surgeon of the Royal Orthopaedic and Spinal Hospital, Birmingham, in the "British Medical Journal."

"The condition is extremely common," he says, "and so helpless have we (the doctors) been that most sufferers now never consider consulting a medical man at all, while the osteopaths and non-medical manipulators have been curing the patients in hundreds."

The trouble (he continues) is almost confined to tennis players, golfers, and workers in certain trades which involve the use of a hammer. The sufferers experience a sudden pain in certain attitudes, and frequently will drop a cup of tea when reaching to take it from a tray.

Dr. Mills has performed a manipulation successfully on a number of patients. Describing the curing of one patient, he says that, bending up the wrist, he suddenly and forcibly straightened out the elbow joint. There was a snap like a pistol shot.

The patient stated afterwards that for the first time for many years, he was able to take a back-hand volley without pain.

"The pathology of the lesion," he concludes, "is uncertain."

**SHOT MAJOR.**

**MUCH MONEY LOST IN FARMING.**

The man found shot in a flat at Dalmeny Court, Duke Street, was identified at the Westminster inquest as Wilfred Stuart Dayrell, D.S.O.

Lt.-Col. W. Armitage, of Parliament Street, a brother-in-law, said that Dayrell was about 42 years of age. He was a major in the Infantry army. Major Dayrell had been living apart from his wife.

The coroner, Mr. Ingleby Oddie, in returning a verdict of Suicide while of Unsound Mind, said that one of the letters found on Major Dayrell called attention to the fact that his account was overdrawn at the bank. Like most people who farmed, Major Dayrell had lost a great deal of money, and was obliged to sell his farm.

In addition to the worry caused by the financial position, he was also worried about his son's health.

**"MUMMY'S BOY."**

**YOUNG UNMARRIED MEN.**

**STILL A BABY.**

"When a young man remains unmarried because he does not want to leave his mother, people say, 'How beautiful!' The plain truth is that he is still a baby, afraid to break the maternal tie."

This is the startling opinion that Dr. Alice Hutchinson gave about the only sons who remain single. Dr. Hutchinson was lecturing on the psychology of parenthood. In the course of her lecture she blamed birth-control for the large numbers of single-child families in England.

"The only child is a terrible monster," she declared. "He may replace drink as Britain's greatest curse."

"Birth-control," said Dr. Hutchinson, "had wrecked many marriages. Young people marrying at 20 may not be able to continue having children until they are 40, but if, on the other hand, the maternal instinct remained unsatisfied, the wife was inclined to harbour animosity against the husband."

Brothers and sisters quarrelled at games, said Dr. Hutchinson in discussing the most-complained-of "discomforts" of large families, but that was because the superficial discord of the parents worked havoc with the family. So-called excellent parenthood methods often made the children selfish and prevented the development of the best citizens.

**OLD WINCHESTER.**

**SCHEME TO PRESERVE ANCIENT BUILDINGS.**

A scheme to preserve the character of the historic central area of Winchester has received the sanction of the Minister of Health.

Many of the most interesting features in Winchester have been destroyed by the vandalism of past ages. A number of interesting fifteenth century timber buildings were demolished some time ago. The town council cannot preserve all ancient buildings which still remain private property, but they will now be able to prevent alterations to old buildings and control new buildings.

One of the present problems is the building along the road to Southampton. If no action is taken, there will probably be in a few years' time a continuous line of houses between Winchester and Southampton.

It is proposed, in the New Year, to take steps to secure for the nation a stretch of Cornish cliff, known as Church Cliff, about fifty acres in extent, which is part of the glebe land attached to the vicarage of Tintagel. It overlooks the precipitous island rock, owned by the Prince of Wales, as Duke of Cornwall, upon which stand the romantic ruins of King Arthur's Castle.

The rugged, windswept cliff commands magnificent marine views, and the whole district is closely connected with the legendary exploits of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table.

**GUARDIANS CRITICISED.**

The Ministry of Health has written to the Edmonton Board of Guardians alleging that they had given outdoor relief in cases where the household income is considerable and the existence of destitution is not apparent, that "there is an appreciable number of able-bodied persons receiving outdoor relief who have no dependants," and that relieving officers have been giving relief without an order from the Board.

The Board will hold a special meeting to consider the letter.

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**ILFORD ELECTION.**

Conservatives Retain Seat.

**THE LIBERAL VOTE.**

Mr. Lloyd George Points Out It Was Nearly Doubled.

London, Yesterday. The Ilford by-election, caused by the death of Sir Frederick Wise, resulted as follows:—Sir George Hamilton (Conservative) ..... 18,269 Mr. A. S. Comyns Carr, K.C. (Liberal) ..... 13,621 C. R. Deguchi (Labour) ..... 8,922 —Reuter.

This was the 39th by-election since the General Election, and the gains and losses up to now are:—

Conservatives one gain, nine losses.

Labour seven gains, one loss. Liberals three gains, two losses.

The only Conservative gain was the Combined Universities at the expense of the Liberals, and the only Labourite loss was North-Southwark to the Liberals.

Including Ilford, the Conservatives have retained 21 seats, the Labourites five and the Liberals two.

Mr. Lloyd George, interviewed, said the Liberal poll had nearly doubled and Labour had remained stationary, although the working class population had increased.

It was useless to scoff at a Liberal revival after Ilford's remarkable result.

Conservative headquarters thought the result very satisfactory as Sir G. Hamilton had no local connections like his predecessor.—Reuter.

**BATTERY DINNER.**

FORMERLY THE ARTILLERY COMPANY.

VOLUNTEERS MEET.

Formerly the Artillery Company of the Hong Kong Volunteers—now known as The Battery, H.K.V.D.C.—the annual dinner of this unit took place at Volunteer Headquarters last night.

Members of the Battery, together with their friends, numbering in all about sixty, sat down to an excellent repast in the course of which speeches were made by Captain Martin (O.C. of the Battery), Lt.-Col. Robinson, C. O. Hong Kong Singapore Brigade, R.A., Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, Commandant, H.K.V.D.C., and Major C. Wilson, O.B.E.

The guests included R.A. officers and Capt. Martin referred with appreciation to the interest many of them had taken in the Battery and to the assistance given in training members. He also expressed the pleasure it had given all members to realise that the change of name from the Artillery Company to the Battery had received official sanction. He also mentioned that application had been made to the C.R.A. for affiliation with the Royal Artillery in Hong Kong and hoped that official permission would shortly be forthcoming.

Lt.-Col. Robinson, on behalf of R.A. officers present, thanked the Battery for their hospitality and said that what assistance had been given, had been given willingly. Referring to the camp at Tai Lam, he hoped that the Battery would add still more to their numbers to make the gun teams even more efficient units.

Lt.-Col. Bird, in the course of his tribute to the excellent work of the Battery, reminded them that the first Volunteer unit in Hong Kong had been an Artillery unit and it was not until some years later that infantry and machine gun sections were added.

An enjoyable evening closed with musical items.

**SMALL FIRE.**

The Kowloon fire brigade received a call at 11.40 yesterday morning to a small fire which occurred at No. 18, Canton Road, second floor. The engines arrived in quick time and soon had the fire extinguished. The total damage is known to be valued \$5, as only one banknote, two mosquito nets, were destroyed. The cause of the outbreak is traced to the fact that the children were playing with lighted paper.

**CHINESE ABROAD.**

Non-Registrations In Britain.

**POLICE ACTIVE.**

Oriental Suspected Of Smuggling Of Goods.

London, Yesterday. The police are visiting Chinese quarters in various parts of the United Kingdom in connection with the question of alien registration. Many Chinese enter the country and engage in various activities without registering under the Aliens' Act, and it is feared that some of them may be employed in the illicit smuggling of goods into the country.

The Home Office has instructed the police to ascertain what proportion of Orientals in the country could reasonably be suspected of engaging in illicit trade.—Reuter.

**JANUARY WEATHER.**

HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE.

OBSERVATORY RETURNS.

The lowest temperature officially recorded in January in Hong Kong was 45 degrees Fahrenheit, this being the minimum on the last day of the month. The highest was 77, the maximum on the 28th.

The greatest difference between maximum and minimum for one day was on the 29th; the day preceding was also one of extremes as the following will show:—

Max. Min. Range.

28th ..... 77.0 64.1 12.9

29th ..... 64.2 49.4 14.8

As compared with the average for forty years (1884-1923), however, January was not a cold month. The following mean temperatures are quoted by the Observatory.

Max. Mean Min.

Jan. 1928 mean ..... 65.9 61.6 57.8

" 1884-1923 ..... 64.4 59.8 56.1

Other Figures.

Other figures make interesting reading.

Cloudiness shine Rain (per cent.) (hrs.) (ins.)

Jan. 1928 ..... 82 93.7 1.80

1884-1923 ..... 62 149.6 1.29

Rainfall registered during January was as follows:—

inches. days

Botanical Gardens ..... 2.17 12

Mount Kellett ..... 1.25 8

Taipo Police Station ..... 1.19 3

Lowest barometer reading (at mean sea level)—29.871 inches at 4 p.m. on the 16th.

Maximum squall velocity (recorded by Dines-Baxendell anemograph)—47 miles per hour at 11.25 p.m. on the 7th.

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Officials were elected as follow:—

President: Mr. Lee Hysan.

Vice-President: Mr. H. K. Hung (Hong Hing-kam).

Hon. Secretary: Mr. C. G. Anderson.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. Chow Ping-ju.

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